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Her concerns 'are humanitarian'

Princess tries to calm anger of the Tories

By Emma Wilkins, Andrew Pierce and Ben Macintyre

DIANA, Princess of Wales, sought to extricate herself from a deepening political row yesterday over her alleged criticism of the former Conservative Government's policy on landmines.

The Princess denied that she had described Tory policy as "hopeless" to a French newspaper but Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, intervened to exploit her remarks for the maximum political capital.

Constitutionalists and Tory MPs reacted with outrage over the Princess's alleged comments as *Le Monde* said it stood by its story.

In an interview with Annick Cojean the Princess is quoted as saying: "The Labour Government's position has always been clear. It's going to do terrific work. Its predecessor was really hopeless."

The Princess, who is in contact with her office by mobile phone from her Mediterranean cruise with Dodi Fayed, is said to be extremely annoyed and feels "very let down" by *Le Monde*.

Her office said: "The attention of Diana, Princess of Wales, has been drawn to reports to the effect that in an article published by *Le Monde* she was quoted as being critical of the previous Government's policy towards the banning of anti-personnel landmines.

"The Princess made no such criticism. Her stance on the question of landmines has been apolitical throughout. Her concerns are exclusively humanitarian."

Annick Cojean: "I wrote exactly what she said"

Mme Cojean, who speaks fluent English and has worked for *Le Monde* for 15 years, denied that she had misquoted the Princess. "I wrote exactly what she said, that's it. I wrote everything she said and only what she said."

Mme Cojean, who has kept her notes, said that she had sent some supplementary questions to the Princess. "I didn't know it was so important. Everybody knows the Conservatives were not ready to move on banning landmines. The Princess was great. I really believe in her sincerity."

Mr Cook, who is in Kuala Lumpur, expressed his "immense admiration" for the Princess. When asked whether such a political intervention was wise he said: "I have never criticised anyone for being frank about the previous Government."

Mr Cook, who saw the Princess before her recent trip to meet landmine victims in Bosnia, welcomed her campaign for a worldwide ban. "I am very pleased she recognises the Labour Government shares her concern and has already made very substantial progress towards signalling Britain's complete withdrawal from the production and trade in landmines. What motivates her is the damage that has been done to so many innocent people, particularly children."

The Tory Party leadership, which was irritated by the intervention of the Foreign Secretary, refused to be drawn. But Sir Patrick Cormack, shadow deputy Leader of the Commons, described the Princess as "unwise, inexperienced," and "damaging her own cause".

Lord Blake, the historian and constitutionalist said: "It is quite the most extraordinary thing I have heard from a member of the Royal Family. Party politics has always been taboo. Members of the Royal Family until now have stayed aloof from the divisions of party politics and never breached the convention."

A friend of the Princess spoke of her frustration and annoyance at being dragged into a political row. "She has always been studiously non-political. Its true that she was delighted by the stance of the new Government but there is no way she would criticise its predecessor. It beggars belief that she would make a comment like that."

It is understood that a draft

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CPO Bob Saunders is welcomed home to Culdrose by his wife, Chris, yesterday

Yard starts Secrets Act inquiry on ex-MI5 man

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

SCOTLAND Yard's Special Branch has begun a criminal investigation into a possible breach of the Official Secrets Act by David Shayler, the former MI5 officer.

The investigation which was instigated by the police, followed Mr Shayler's claims about past telephone-tapping and bugging operations against individuals, including Peter Mandelson, now the Minister Without Portfolio. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, was also monitored by MI5 when he was President of the National Union of Students in the 1970s, Mr Shayler said.

Yesterday Mr Straw had a visit from Stephen Lander, the Director-General of MI5, who presented him with a report on Mr Shayler's allegations. The meeting was "amicable".

Mr Shayler is currently thought to be abroad, but Special Branch expects to interview him at some stage.

Once a police investigation is complete, the matter will be handed over to the Crown Prosecution Service. As the inquiry involves the Official Secrets Act, John Morris, Attorney General, will make the final decision on whether to press charges. A conviction under the Official Secrets Act on a charge of unauthorised disclosure of information can lead to two years' imprisonment, a fine or both.

Mr Shayler's first revelations were made in a bylined article in *The Mail on Sunday*. He was also interviewed on BBC *Newsnight* in which he claimed he had been employed to check on senior Labour politicians who might have become ministers if Neil Kinnock's party won the 1992 general election.

He claimed MI5 had tapped Mr Mandelson's telephone in the 1970s because they feared his brief membership of the Young Communist League meant he might be a security threat.

Last night John Wadham, director of Liberty, the civil rights group, said he had contacted Mr Shayler and offered to help him fight any prosecution. He said: "It seems to us that the revelations are in the public interest and there should be no prosecution."

Alan Beith, the Liberal Democrat member of the parliamentary Intelligence and Security committee, said MI5 appeared to have gathered intelligence too widely and on individuals who were not appropriate targets.

However, he said, things had changed since the 1970s and police forces appreciated MI5's assistance. "The priorities are now quite different — fighting terrorism, drugs trafficking and counter-intelligence," he said. But he acknowledged, that scrutiny of the Security Service was still "in its infancy".

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Round-world yacht family saved by Navy

By Stephen Farrell

A COUPLE and their six-year-old son needed to be rescued by the crew of *HMS Illustrious* after their yacht was battered by 30ft waves for three days in the Bay of Biscay.

Don and Yvonne Newman, who sold everything so that they could sail around the world with their son Daniel, were 200 miles from land and close to exhaustion on *Touchdown*, their 36ft yacht, when they sent out a distress call. The message was relayed by a merchant vessel to *Illustrious*, which was 60 miles away and heading for Portsmouth after a Far Eastern tour.

Last night Les Rant, a professional sailing instructor and former neighbour of the Newman family, said he was surprised when he heard they had decided to sail around the world. "They didn't have very much experience, and I thought they were being a bit ambitious … But quite often people seem to buy a boat and just sail off," he said, adding: "But it's a solid old boat."

As soon as *Illustrious* received the distress message, it launched four Sea King helicopters in mountainous seas in what Commander Fred Aitken, the ship's spokesman, said was "the most extraordinarily difficult rescue mission I have ever seen."

The first helicopter to reach the scene made four attempts to lower Chief Petty Officer Bob Saunders to the yacht, which had lost its mast, before succeeding. He attached a cable to Mrs Newman, who was winched off before the helicopter was forced by a lack of fuel to return to *Illustrious*.

A second Sea King pulled Daniel off but had to abandon hopes of winching Mr Newman and CPO Saunders from the deck, fearing the winch cable would snag on the rigging. The two were forced to jump into the sea, and spent 15 minutes in the freezing water before finally being lifted to safety.

CPO Saunders, 44, last night told of the rescue attempt after returning to his base at Royal Naval Air Station Culdrose in Helston, Cornwall. "The waves were the size of houses, and it was a complete nightmare," he said. "I lost count of the number of times I went into the sea. It was one of the most difficult rescues I have ever had to perform."

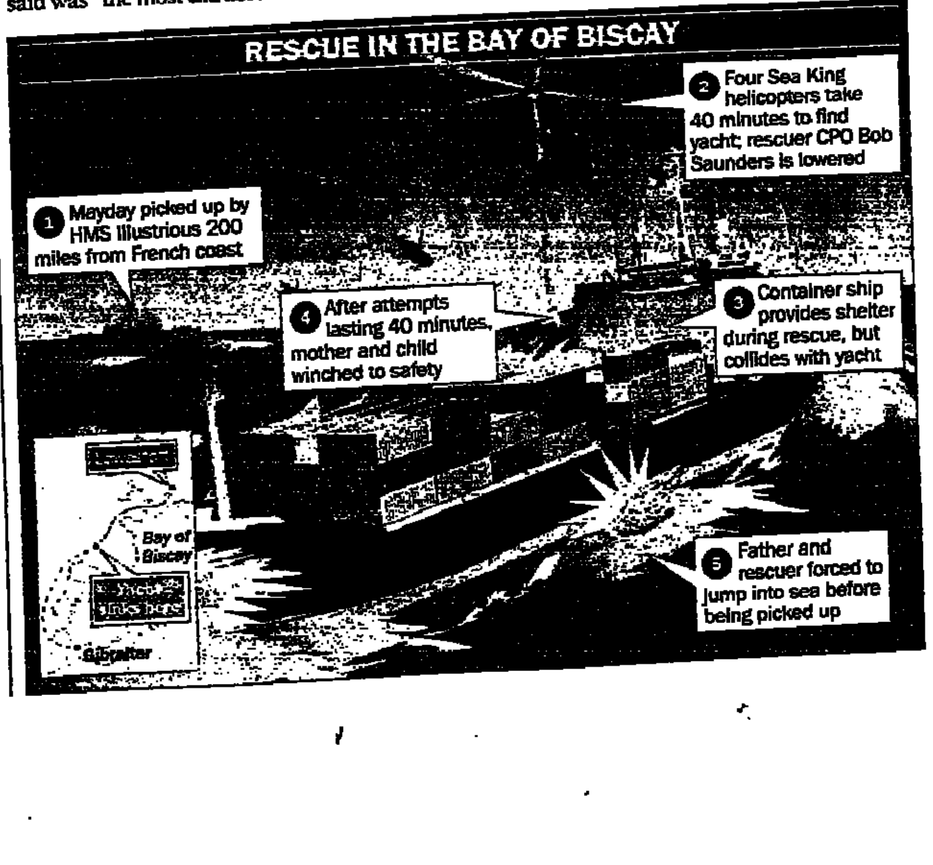
He said the attempt was made even harder when a P&O container ship came alongside the yacht to provide shelter but was blown into the smaller vessel. "It was like a moving cliff. The yacht slid down the side of the ship and was actually blown under its bow," he said.

"We ended up scraping down the side, and we were within inches of jumping for our lives."

He said Mrs Newman was taken off first because she had been desperately seasick for days. By the time the helicopter returned for Daniel, most of the yacht's equipment was broken. "Once the boy was winched into the helicopter he seemed pretty happy, and gave a big grin," he said.

"There was no option but for me and the father to leap into the sea from the badly smashed yacht, as the second Sea King was running out of fuel. Conditions were abysmal, with winds gusting to 50mph. The man had been at the wheel in the centre of a very bad storm for two days and he was in quite a state."

The yacht was abandoned and is thought to have sunk with all the family's possessions. The Newmans began their voyage two months ago after selling their home in Bedford. They sailed from Lowestoft, Suffolk, to Gibraltar, stopping along the way


RESCUE IN THE BAY OF BISCAY
1 Mayday picked up by HMS Illustrious 200 miles from French coast
2 Four Sea King helicopters take 40 minutes to find yacht; rescuer CPO Bob Saunders is lowered
3 Container ship provides shelter during rescue, but collides with yacht
4 After attempts lasting 40 minutes, mother and child winched to safety
5 Father and rescuer forced to jump into sea before being picked up
Bay of Biscay
Gibraltar

Rows take shine off Labour's poll lead

By Peter Riddell

THE Government's recent squalls and squabbles have hit Labour's commanding poll lead. But the latest MORI poll for *The Times* still gives Tony Blair a far stronger position than any previous new Prime Minister as he returns to 10 Downing Street this morning for the first time in nearly four weeks.

The poll, undertaken last weekend, puts Labour on 54 per cent, down three points compared with the end of July, while the Tories at 28 per cent have gained five points. This compares with a 44 to 31 per cent gap on election day. The Liberal Democrats are unchanged on 15 per cent.

These changes are not surprising, following recent unfavourable stories, including the Millennium Dome and Montserrat.

But there is still little to worry Labour. Its poll lead is higher than it was before the election and is higher than the Tories ever had during their 18 years in office.

MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,758 adults at 163 sampling points across Britain on a face-to-face basis on August 21 to 25. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population and voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (7 per cent), are undecided (4 per cent) or who refused to say (1 per cent).

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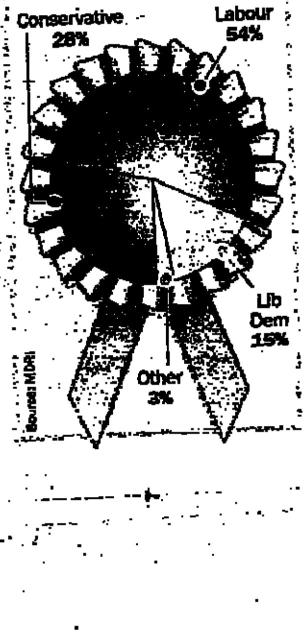

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British rail fares dearest in world

A survey shows that Britain's rail travellers pay the highest ticket prices in the world — almost three times the international average.

The report, by a City bank, says that there has been a 12 per cent rise since privatisation began. The public funds handed to the privatised rail operators increased by £2billion last year, a third more than was paid to BR in 1994 .... Page 2

Housing boom in rural areas

The housing boom, which has led to large increases in London, has taken root in rural areas, according to a report released by The Land Registry.

Areas such as Hartlepool, Hampshire and Staffordshire have shown higher price increases than in Greater London. Overall, house prices have risen by 8.9 per cent in England and Wales in a year .... Page 4

Mining unions bury the hatchet

Senior officials of the National Union of Mineworkers and the Union of Democratic Mineworkers have joined for the first time since the split during the 1984-85 miners' strike in an attempt to save Asfordby, the Leicestershire superpit closed last week.

The moves took place in spite of opposition from Arthur Scargill, the NUM president .... Page 23

Sterilisation anger

Austrian politicians say that the country is still forcing mentally handicapped women to be sterilised .... Page 9

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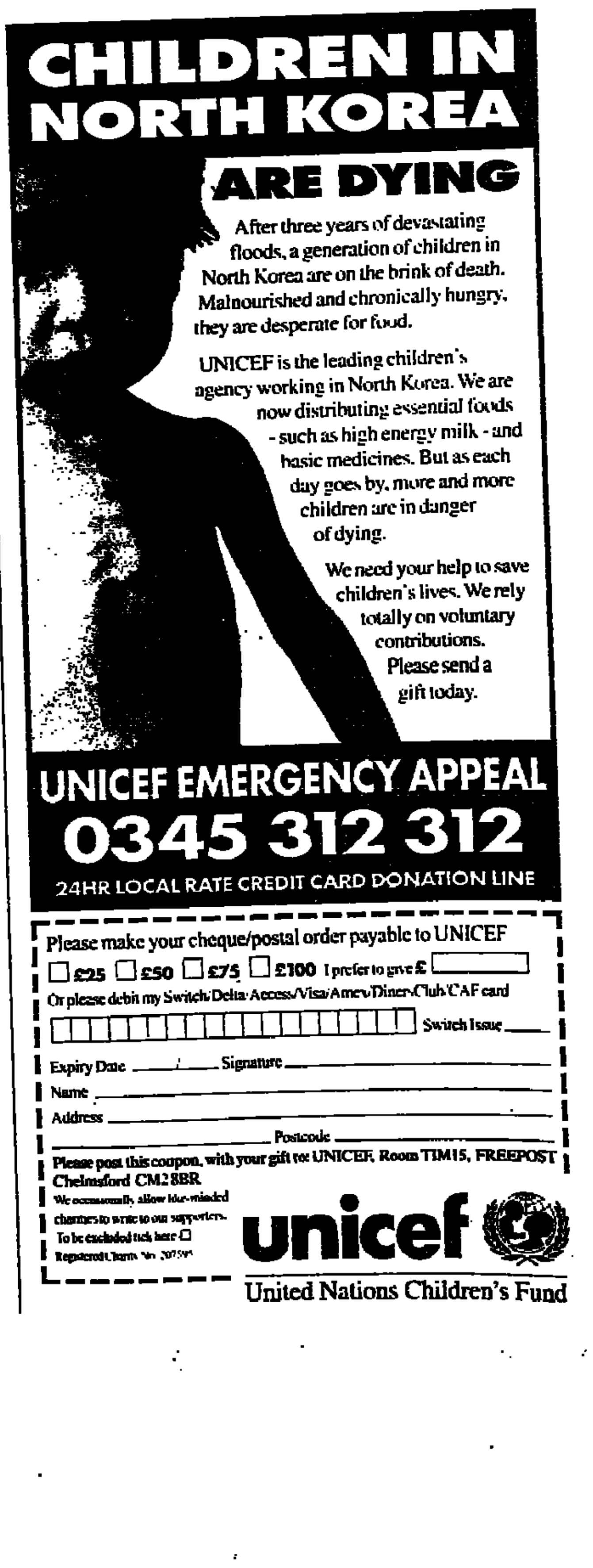

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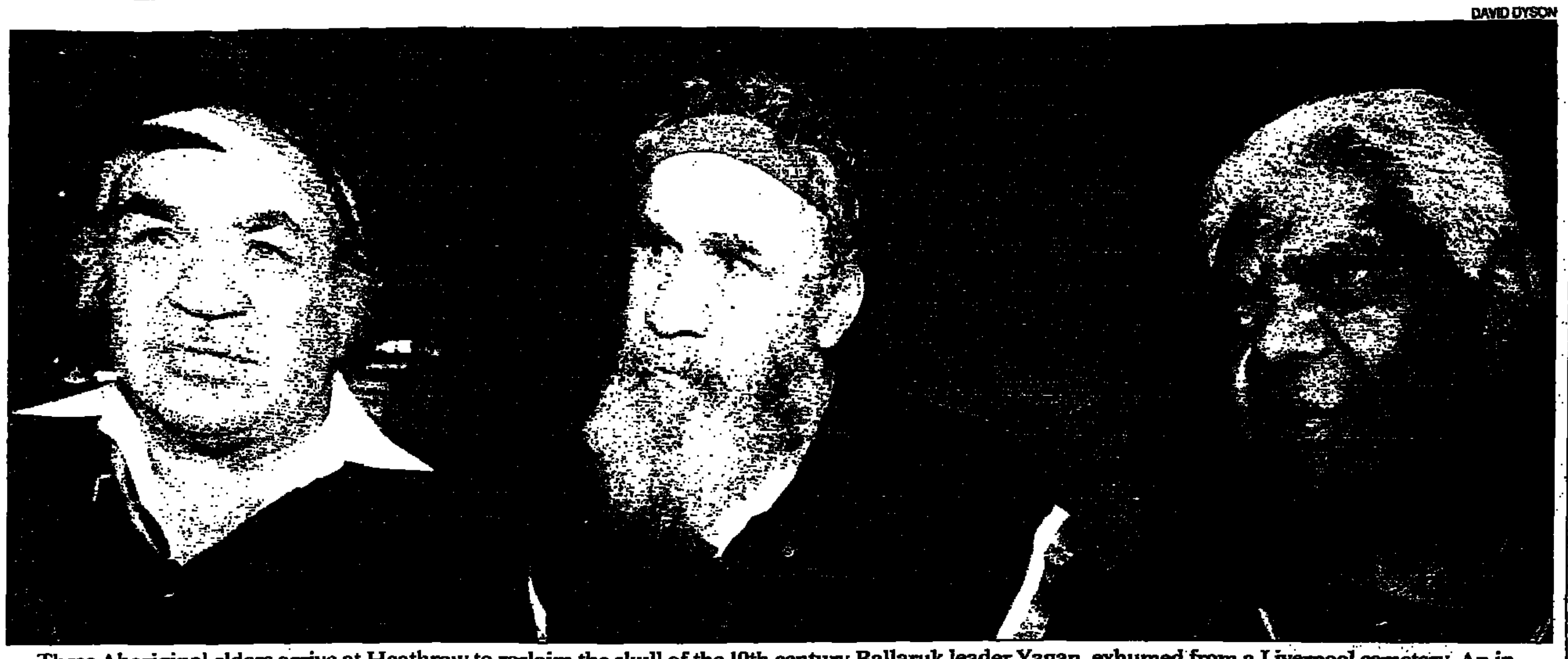

Three Aboriginal elders arrive at Heathrow to reclaim the skull of the 19th century Ballaruk leader Yagan, exhumed from a Liverpool cemetery. An injunction delaying removal was granted yesterday to Corrie Bodney, from Perth, who says he is Yagan's closest descendant yet was not asked for consent

Drop-out rate for GNVQs a cause for concern

By John O'Leary
Education Editor

FEWER than half the pupils hoping to complete the main vocational alternative to A levels this summer finished the course on time, according to a national breakdown of results published today.

Almost 200,000 young people took one of the three levels of General National Vocational Qualification this year, continuing the growth in non-academic study by teenagers. The 90.7‰ completing a course represented an 11 per cent increase on last year.

More than half of those intending to complete an advanced award, equivalent to two A levels, had failed to do so by July 31. The completion rate for younger pupils taking foundation and intermediate awards was lower still.

Students have five years in which to complete a GNVQ, and last year's completion rate increased by 10 per cent in the 12 months following publication of the equivalent statistics. However, the high drop-out rate from the courses has attracted criticism and is being examined by ministers.

David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, has promised to raise the quality of vocational qualifications. There are plans to introduce a compulsory final examination to ensure that assessment is as rigorous as that for academic courses. This year, 94 per cent of Advanced GNVQ candidates applying for higher education places received offers.

Christina Townsend, who chairs the Joint Council of National Vocational Awarding Bodies, said: "This year has seen another excellent set of results from students taking this qualification." She added that GNVQs were now a popular route into employment and increasing numbers were using them as a vehicle into higher education.

A LEVELS

Some editions of *The Times* last Saturday did not carry the A-level league table for state and independent schools. For those readers who missed the guide *The Times* will be publishing it in full again tomorrow.

Rail travel in Britain is most expensive in world

By Fraser Nelson
and Arthur Leathley

RAIL passengers in Britain are paying the highest ticket prices in the world, according to an international survey by a leading City firm.

The cost of UK train travel is almost three times the world average after an average 12 per cent rise since the privatisation programme began, the survey claims. UBS, the City bank which compiled the report, calculates that the average cost of a standard class 120-mile journey is now £35.30, against £24 in 1994 — the last full year before privatisation.

At that time, Britain's railways ranked alongside those of Switzerland as the most expensive in the world. Now, the cost of making the same 120-mile journey in Britain has risen by 46 per cent while global prices have remained constant. In Switzerland the journey costs £22.98.

The increase in ticket prices comes as the public subsidy to the privatised rail operators increased to £2 billion last year, a third more than was paid to British Rail in 1994.

CAPITAL COSTS: FROM BURGERS TO HOTELS

	Time (in minutes) needed to work to buy...			Average cost of medium car	Eating out	Hotel stay
City	Burger	1kg Bread	1kg Rice	£	£	£
Amsterdam	19	13	14	10,500	16.10	183.00
Bangkok	39	33	22	13,500	18.00	127.00
Berlin	18	12	14	12,500	15.50	145.00
London	20	9	13	17,000	17.40	253.00
Moscow	104	59	106	5,217	31.00	208.00
New York	12	12	8	9,560	26.70	178.00
Paris	21	18	20	10,900	13.00	189.00
Shanghai	75	143	81	17,300	18.00	217.00
Tokyo	9	14	22	8,200	37.30	190.00
Warsaw	53	34	29	3,850	17.40	142.00

All the above costs were orginally stated in US dollars. Converted at $1.61/£1.

UBS's survey, which is produced every three years, showed that the cost of almost every mode of travelling in Britain was far higher than other European countries, and substantially higher than in the USA.

London's bus and Underground system is the fifth most expensive capital transport network in the world, with a six-mile journey costing an average £1.22. The same journey in Copenhagen would cost £1.55, 85p in Paris, 66p in Hong Kong and 19p in Prague. The comparison comes as an embarrassment to John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, who last week mounted a campaign to persuade motorists to switch to public transport. Rail campaigners insisted last night that the high cost of public transport would frustrate government attempts to change attitudes to bus and train travel.

A 5 per cent fare rise announced before the first rail franchises were awarded at the end of 1995 was blamed last night by railway pressure groups as the principal reason for the increase found by the UBS survey. They said further inflation-busting rises were likely. "The high cost of travel is the price passengers have had to pay for privatisation," Jonathan Bray, of the pressure group Save our Railways, said. "The public will find it hard to understand how British railways are more expensive than Switzerland."

Although Tory ministers prevented train companies introducing above-inflation fare increases on commuter routes, opponents of privatisation claim that train operators are free to impose big increases on long-distance and off-peak journeys.

Train operators said last night that increasing competition on railways would hold down, and possibly even reduce prices over the next few years. A spokesman for Opraf, the franchising director's office responsible for fares, said that it was "impossible to make sensible comparisons on the basis of a single journey".

The UBS report also claims that cars are more expensive in the UK than anywhere else outside the Far East. For a medium-sized vehicle, a London family can expect to pay £17,000 against the £10,800 paid by a Paris family and £9,550 paid in New York.

London hotels were also named as the most expensive in the world, charging £253 for one night in a twin first-class hotel room against the world average of £103. The capital's restauarants prove less expensive, charging the global average of £17.30 for a typical dinner of steak, two side dishes and dessert.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Unionists deride arms commission

Northern Ireland's Unionist leaders said yesterday that the international commission agreed by the British and Irish governments on Tuesday night had no power to force any paramilitary group to hand over weapons. They said that the two governments had set no timetable for disarmament, and that their failure to set up the commission until the last minute — and to have not yet found suitable people to serve on it — showed that they did not take the decommissioning issue seriously.

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, said that no-one could force the paramilitaries to hand over weapons. The commission was a sensible compromise that would facilitate disarmament if that became feasible during the negotiations, she said. Ray Burke, the Irish Foreign Minister, urged Unionists to take a leap of faith. Dr Mowlam is expected to announce this afternoon that she believes the IRA ceasefire, which was declared on July 20, to be "genuine in word and deed" and is therefore inviting Sinn Fein to the negotiations.

Violinist death 'suspect'

Detectives are investigating the death of a violinist with the Halle orchestra who was found collapsed with a head injury on the floor of his isolated mill cottage near Stockport. Jim Cropper, 55, was the longest-serving musician in the Manchester based orchestra. He was taken to hospital by a paramedic crew from his home in Mill Brow, Marple Bridge. Greater Manchester Police later said that they were treating his death as suspicious. His sudden death follows a dispute between the dead man's wife Gina, a music teacher and local residents.

Fire death was arson

Detectives investigating the death in a fire of a nine-year-old girl fear she may have been the victim of a racist attack. Forty five police officers are working around the clock to find witnesses to the arson which left Anum Khan dead and her teenage brother Majid in a critical condition in hospital. The murder inquiry was launched yesterday after forensic experts discovered petrol had been poured through the letter box of the house in Cowley, Oxford, at 3am on Tuesday.

The fire happenbed a week after two other arson attacks on houses in the area. Police are not linking the fires.

Royals block plans

Plans to build an outdoor activity centre on the doorstep of the Queen's Highland estate at Balmoral have been blocked following objections from the Royal family. The proposals would have seen a massive outdoor pursuits centre being developed beside the picturesque town of Ballater on Royal Deeside. Developers hoped to provide public access to quad biking, archery and laser clay pigeon shooting on a popular site at the Bridge of Gairn. But the Royal Family, who spend much of their summer vacation on the estate, objected to the development.

Cricketer 'died of fright'

A schoolboy cricketer may have died of fright during a school match after being hit by a ball which bounced off the artificial pitch, an inquest was told. Yasin Ghodiwala, 12, was playing the last ball of a tied match for the Little Ilford Comprehensive School team on May 6.

Pathologist Dr Michael Heath said fright may have contributed to the adrenalin rush, along with the excitement of the match at a crucial point in the game. The Walthamstow inquest was adjourned for further tests to be carried out.

Princess tries to calm Tory anger

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of the article, which was sent to Kensington Palace did not contain the alleged comments.

The Princess, who was divorced a year ago today, had agreed to co-operate with *Le Monde* after Mme Cojean asked her to take part in a series in which famous people talked about their favourite photographs.

Mme Cojean flew to London in early June. During a 30-minute conversation, Mme Cogean made notes in the presence of a member of the Princess's staff. The conversation was not tape-recorded.

The Princess eventually settled on a photograph of herself comforting a terminally-ill Pakistani boy at a cancer hospital in Lahore.

A few weeks later, the Princess received 40 written questions from Mme Cojean which she understood were to form the basis of the interview. It is understood that the Princess responded to about half.

Edwy Plenel, *Le Monde's* Managing Editor, said he had complete confidence in Mme Cojean. "She speaks fluent English and is a complete professional. She would never have invented that," he said.

Yesterday *Le Monde* described the interview as the most substantial since her "televised confession to Dimbleby, in which the Princess revealed knowing about her husband's infidelities." It was, of course, the Prince of Wales who told Jonathan Dimbleby of marriage difficulties while the Princess later confessed her own infidelties to Martin Bashir.

Some Tory MPs demanded that the Princess should be reprimanded by Buckingham Palace David Wilshire, MP for Spelthorne said: "I think it's really seriously dangerous to drag the Royal Family into party politics."

Livingstone attack on party shake-up

By Jill Sherman, Chief Political Correspondent

TONY BLAIR'S determination to put an end to party squabbles on his return from holiday has been immediately undermined by a strong attack from the Left on his plans to modernise Labour's organisation.

Ken Livingstone, the left-wing MP for Brent East, openly criticises the proposals to change the party conference and the structure of the national executive, claiming that they will suppress debate.

In an article in today's *New Statesman* Mr Livingstone who is vying with Peter Mandelson for a place on Labour's NEC claims that the *Partnership in Power* changes are based on the view that differences of opinion "can be avoided by slick PR and the suppression of open debate."

But he warns that attempts to stamp out dissent will backfire. "As John Major learnt, no amount of stage-management will succeed in suppressing the differences that will arise if the government's policies fail to meet the electorate's aspirations," says Mr Livingstone. He argues that if debate is no longer allowed at annual conferences it will emerge at fringe meetings or briefings by ministers.

Mr Livingstone claims that Mr Blair's plans to reduce the policy making influence of the annual conference represents the biggest change to the party's constitution since 1918.

He argues that in future policy making will be in the hands of the Joint Policy Committee which is chaired by the prime minister and will include equal numbers of ministers, whom he appoints, and NEC members. It will make far harder for left-wingers like Dennis Skinner to get elected, he says.

Dalyell unrepentant about role in devolution debate

By Nicholas Watt, Political Correspondent

TAM DALYELL, the veteran Labour MP, infuriated party leaders yesterday by announcing that he would oppose the Scottish Secretary in a live television debate about devolution.

Donald Dewar will face a screen challenge from his party colleague, a staunch opponent of devolution, in a Scottish Television debate three days before the referendum on September 11.

Labour sources attempted yesterday to play down Mr Dalyell's role in the programme. But Jim Swan, secretary of Mr Dalyell's constituency association in Linlithgow, said it was "deeply hurtful" that the MP should join the opposition camp.

In the 90-minute debate Mr Dalyell will argue in favour of a no vote with Michael Ancram, the Tory spokesman on constitutional affairs. Mr Dewar will argue for a yes vote with Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish National Party.

Mr Dalyell, who did seek approval for his television appearance from the party, said: "I am uninhibited because if Donald is going to appear with Alex Salmond then any moral bounds that restrain me evaporate. I will tell Donald that he is wrong in saying that the parliament will strengthen the union and that Alex Salmond is right in saying that it will end up as a Scottish state separate from England."

Dalyell: "uninhibited"

Opinion polls indicate that Scots will vote overwhelmingly in favour of a parliament in Edinburgh. However, many Labour supporters have said that they will vote no to a second question asking whether the parliament should have tax-varying powers.

The Conservatives will step up their "no" campaign next week when William Hague, the party leader, visits Scotland on Monday. Tony Blair will visit at the end of the week. Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, will start a two-day visit to Scotland today.

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Plagiarism claim leaves Celtic poets lost for words

Literature lovers may find that Cornishman's work is familiar, reports Simon de Bruxelles

ALLEGATIONS that an award-winning Scottish writer had been "blatantly plagiarised" by a Cornish poet yesterday provoked a literary clash that stretched the length of the country.

Derick Thomson, Emeritus Professor of Celtic at Glasgow University, is considering legal action over the "remarkable similarities" between his work and that of Alan Kent in an anthology titled *Modern Cornish Poets*.

The similarities were drawn to Mr Thomson's attention after one of Mr Kent's poems was published in a national newspaper. Apart from minor changes to relocate the poems to Cornwall the work was virtually identical to one in his bilingual collection, *Bramble of Hope*, published in 1991. The title was also similar: *Boscowen Street* instead of *On Glasgow's Streets*.

On Glasgow's Streets begins: When I hear/Glasgow waitresses/talking earnestly. *Boscowen Street* begins: When I hear/seasonal Truro waitresses/talking earnestly. Another poem from *Bramble of Hope*, called *Memory*, starts: On a good day/you would remember us:/the rabbit John brought home that year.

A poem, also called *Memory*, published under Mr Kent's name in *Modern Cornish Poets*, begins: On a good day/you would remember us/the mackerel Sean brought home that year.

Mr Thomson, 76, said he was surprised by how closely Mr Kent's poems resembled his: "You would expect a plagiarist to play about with things a bit more."

Jamie Byng, of Mr Thomson's publisher, Canongate Books, said: "The plagiarism is so amateurish it's almost laughable. It is absolutely blatant, he has just substituted Cornish place names for Scottish ones. There is no question that he has stolen these poems and we are taking legal advice.

"So far we have recognised three poems in *Modern Cornish Poets* but we are awaiting a copy of book and Mr Kent's other work to establish whether there are more."

Modern Cornish Poets, a collection of the work of Mr Kent, Bert Biscoe and Pol Hodge, was published in 1995, four years after *Bramble of Hope*.

One Cornish reviewer hailed Mr Kent, 30, a comprehensive school teacher from Truro, for "fresh-minded and glittering quality". He and his two fellow poets, who formed themselves into a movement called Modern Cornish Poets, have given public readings. They reject "cultural imperialism", support Cornish independence and, according to the foreword, reject mainstream English literature.

Mr Biscoe and Mr Hodge said last night that they felt "deeply shocked and betrayed" by the allegations against their collaborator. In a statement Mr Biscoe said: "Plagiarism is completely unacceptable. It brings the integrity of the whole creative community into disrepute.

"In the event that the allegations against Mr Kent are proven, neither of us would wish to be associated with him in future."

South West Arts, which helped to fund the anthology published under Mr Kent's own imprint, Lyonesse Press, said that if the allegations were true all copies would be pulped and any money paid to Mr Kent returned.

Mr Kent was unavailable for comment.

ALONG THE SAME LINES

On Glasgow Streets
by Derick Thomson

When I hear
Glasgow waitresses
talking earnestly
about Perry Como
or Starsky and Hutch,
or singing a song
by John Lennon.
I remember
that Wallace
is out the window,
and Alasdair Macc Colla
at the mill of Gocam-go
and my country, for lack
of will
has gone to hell.

Boscowen Street
by Alan Kent

When I hear
seasonal Truro waitresses
talking earnestly
about Neighbours
or Mel Gibson
or singing the number
one,
I remember
that Flamank
is just out of the window,
and Joseph is
at St Kaverne,
yet my country, for lack of
will
has gone to hell.

Portrait of the artist as a young monkey

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

CAPUCHIN monkeys enjoy nothing more than to model clay into shapes and decorate it with paint and leaves, American researchers have found.

The results are unlikely to win any prizes, although these days you can never tell. It may not be art, but the monkeys evidently know what they like.

Ten captive Capuchin monkeys were given the raw materials for self-expression by Gregory Westergard and Stephen Suomi from the US National Institutes of Health Animal Centre in Maryland. They were provided with lumps of clay, stones, tempera paint and leaves, while the researchers sat back to watch.

The Capuchins spent up to 30 minutes reshaping the clay with their hands and decorating it with the paint and the leaves. "They take great care" Dr Westergard told *New Scientist*. "They are very focused when they are making them."

Apeing art: clever Capuchin monkey

The researchers say that on standard educational scales, the Capuchins resemble human children aged about 18 to 24 months. Just like infants, they abandon what they have made as soon as they have finished and some of the monkeys were keener than others.

Dr Westergard believes that captivity may have liberated in the monkeys a talent for art. Because they do not have to forage for food and defend themselves against predators, they seek out other activities.

"Art doesn't happen unless you are smart," Dr Westergard says. "I think such expressions are the inevitable consequences of an intelligent but restless mind." He suggests that the monkeys' inventive instincts may mirror the way that artistic skills developed in humans.

In human beings, art did not develop until the emergence of *Homo sapiens* about 40,000 years ago. Neanderthal Man, who had a large brain and was certainly a more capable primate than a Capuchin monkey, never developed art, although he was a tool-maker.

Husband who snapped told to leave home

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

A DEPUTY headmaster who temporarily lost control and pushed his wife against a door after she confessed to an affair with one of his "best friends" was ordered yesterday to give up his home to her.

Despite expressing sympathy for the man's plight, two Court of Appeal judges yesterday refused to overturn an earlier ruling ordering the husband out of the family home, although they said that his estranged wife had "created the situation".

The husband, from the Portsmouth area, had vowed not to harm his wife again and had offered to sleep in a separate room and stay out of the main part of the house.

After dismissing his appeal, Lady Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Phillips gave him until noon on September 6 to leave so that his wife and their three children, aged nine, seven and five, and who are currently living in a women's refuge, can move back in.

In June this year the wife confessed that she had had a brief affair with a family friend. Her husband later admitted that he had reacted badly over the following three or four days, pushing her against the door once and gripping her wrists hard enough to leave a mark on two other occasions.

But he was stunned when his wife took the children and fled, claiming she was too frightened to return while he was in their home. In July she won a ruling from Portsmouth County Court that her husband should leave the house by August 8 despite his promise not to harm her. But the order was stayed when the husband applied for leave to appeal against the decision.

Lady Justice Butler-Sloss said: "Members of the public might be forgiven for thinking that when a man finds his wife has committed adultery with one of his best friends and she tells it to him his reaction is likely to be uncontrolled."

But to have been violent on three occasions had been "over the top", and although she had "no doubt" that the husband's promise not to harm his wife was genuine, to allow them to live under the same roof would create a situation "fraught with emotional turmoil" leading to the "risk of further violence".

£20,000 for mother refused a job-share

By Kathryn Knight

A WOMAN who was refused a job-share when she returned from maternity leave has been awarded £20,000 for sex discrimination. Janet Schofield, 36, was told that it was not feasible for two people to share a £40,000-a-year post as marketing manager, although many were able to divide jobs at more junior levels.

Ms Schofield worked for the Zurich insurance company at their Portsmouth office. After a claim at an industrial tribunal, she has won an out-of-court settlement and Zurich has agreed to review its job-share policy.

Before returning from maternity leave, she had applied with another manager to job-share, but was turned down. She wrote to the company saying she felt she had been constructively dismissed. She is now a self-employed marketing consultant.

Yesterday, at her home in Winchester, she said:

"I was told that I had to be committed to the company for seven days a week, which made me angry.

"It was a shame because Zurich work very hard on equal opportunities at most levels."

PETER NICHOLLS

Ouch: Leanne Wickham is reassured by an instructor as she lies in pain after falling badly during training

Downfall of a showcase soldier

By Joanna Bale

IT WAS meant to be a demonstration of the new, kinder Army training methods designed to lure modern teenagers. Then one woman's downfall demonstrated that a soldier's life can still be pretty tough.

Just as Dr John Reid, the Armed Forces Minister, was touring the Training Regiment at Pirbright, Surrey, Leanne Wickham fell heavily while diving head first between tapes onto a mat during an exercise. She hurt her shoulder and cried out in pain. The teenage recruit was reassured by her instructor and stretchered off to hospital. An Army spokesman said: "She is having X-rays but we think it is just a muscle strain."

Dr Reid had been launching the new Army Training and Recruitment Agency, to try to boost falling recruitment by doing away with the traditional "bullying and bawling" approach of sergeant majors. He rejected "ill-informed comment" that the changes were a soft option, although courses had to be longer to enable today's recruits to achieve required standards. He said: "This approach is all about modernising, not mollycoddling. It is not about turning Sergeant Majors into social workers."

Drill Sergeant Allan Gardner said that the new generation of recruits started at a disadvantage from spending too much time playing computer games and watching television. He added: "Many schools these days do very little sport, so we have to allow for it. The course is longer — but we get the same result in the end."

Marines accused of bullying recruits

By Simon de Bruxelles

AN investigation is underway into allegations of bullying at the Royal Marines commando training base at Lympstone, near Exmouth, Devon.

It follows claims that a corporal kicked recruits during live firing exercises on the range and comes at a time when the Army is ordering a "softer, more caring" approach to training, ending years of squaddie-bashing tradition.

The inquiry, which could result in a court martial, is also investigating claims that recruits were ordered to perform 'pull ups' if they failed to meet the exacting standards demanded by officers.

It is believed the four complainants have quit the course.

A source at the Royal Marines camp said: "Some of these allegations are quite extraordinary because recruits being told to do press-ups or pull-ups is hardly bullying. Perhaps this shows that times are changing and that a more kid gloves attitude is the one to pursue. Recruitment is a problem for all the services, and stories of bullying don't help our image."

The commando training base has been embarrassed by bullying incidents in the past. Two drunken Marines instructors who sexually assaulted a half-naked teenage recruit were each jailed for 18 months. And four Marines who attacked a sleeping comrade were also jailed.

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Housing boom spreads to rural areas

By Katherine Bergen

THE housing boom, a phenomenon traditionally led by London, has taken root in rural areas, according to a report released by The Land Registry yesterday.

Areas as diverse as Hartlepool, Hampshire and Staffordshire have shown higher price increases than in Greater London, indicating that the recovery has taken a firm hold in more than just the South East. Overall, house prices have risen by 8.9 per cent in England and Wales in a year.

Figures show that the average price in Greater London was 12.8 per cent higher in April to June this year than during the same period last year. But there were larger increases in house prices in a number of other areas, including Staffordshire (18.9 per cent), Hartlepool (17.9 per cent), Conwy, Wales (17 per cent), East Sussex (16.5 per cent) Dorset (15.6 per cent) and Bedfordshire (16.4 per cent).

The greatest increase has been in Buckinghamshire, where prices have risen by 25.3 per cent from £92,726 in April to June 1996 to £116,224 one year later. This is consistent across the entire range of property including detached and semi-detached houses, terraced houses, maisonettes and flats. Andrew Rome, an estate agent with Knight Frank in Beaconsfield, said yesterday: "Our own figures almost exactly tally with this. We estimated a 24.6 per cent increase for the same period. Property in Buckinghamshire has certainly been undervalued in the past. However, we recently sold a property for double the guide price."

The country residential review recently published by Knight Frank gives a price profile for Buckinghamshire for June this year. The review estimates that the current average price for a manor house in the county is £1.25 million, £700,000 for a farmhouse and £280,000 for a cottage. Jeremy Smallman, from Strutt & Parker's St Albans office, agreed that Buckinghamshire sales had been exceptional over the past year. "Sales, especially at the top end of the market, are very often to London commuters.

"Although it is not one of the most fashionable of the Home Counties, these buyers are finding very little to buy in Hertfordshire and are spreading into Buckinghamshire," he added.

There were also some spectacular price rises in some London boroughs over the period, including the City of London from £125,376 to £165,651 (32.1 per cent), Tower Hamlets from £81,725 to £104,842 (28.2 per cent) and Islington from £121,407 to £149,905 (23.4 per cent).

Kensington and Chelsea remains by far the most expensive borough. After sales above £1 million are excluded from the statistics, average prices are £272,000. Westminster is the second most expensive borough, then Camden, with the average home there costing £185,000. Richmond is fourth at £168,000.

Average prices have fallen in only two boroughs. Kingston upon Thames has dropped from £108,747 to £105,601 (down 2.9 per cent) and Greenwich has dropped from £79,718 to £79,329 (down 0.5 per cent). Local agents blame the prospect of prolonged disruption while the Millennium dome is built.

Outside London, of the 78 areas for which comparative figures were available, just seven, including Wrexham, Durham, Bridgend and Merthyr Tydfil, suffered falls in property prices.

Millennium blights prices in Greenwich

THE prospect of a two-year construction programme while the Millennium dome is built has contributed to fall in average prices for properties in Greenwich in the last year (Katherine Bergen writes). Average prices in the borough fell from £79,718 to £79,329, a drop of 0.5 per cent. Only one other London borough experienced a fall in the same period. Martin Longhurst, of estate agents Humphrey Skitt & Co, said yesterday that prime areas of Greenwich would not be affected by the building of the dome. "While prices are going up in Greenwich proper, it is a very large borough which includes Eltham, Thamesmead as well as Woolwich and these less sought after areas affect average prices," he said. He estimated that, although a two-bedroom house bordering Greenwich Park might cost £150,000, a similar property in Charlton — nearer the dome site — might be worth only half as much.

Father thought hanged children were joking

By Daniel McGrory

> ‘I crept up to Daniel, who is ticklish, but he did not move and then I noticed the scarf . . . but I could not undo it’

A FATHER whose 13-year-old daughter and her best friend died in an accidental hanging said yesterday that he had thought they were playing a joke on him. Steve Rogers said: "I thought they were just playing dead by keeping very still and I startled to tickle them."

Mr Rogers, 41, was describing the moment he walked into his daughter's bedroom and found her and a ten-year-old neighbour hanging by a scarf threaded through the rail of a bunk bed.

Mr Rogers bit his lip to hold back from weeping as he said that Daniel Gibbs's feet were almost touching the ground and his daughter, Claire, was lying face down on the bottom bunk. A scarf was wound tightly round their necks.

"I crept up to Daniel, who is ticklish, but he did not move and then I noticed the scarf. I picked up Daniel but I could not undo it because of the weight of the two of them."

Mr Rogers, of Croxley Green, Hertfordshire, shouted for his wife, Mandy, and their eldest daughter, Sarah, 17, to bring a knife so that he could cut the children free. While he tried to resuscitate Daniel, an ambulance controller gave instructions in cardiac massage and mouth to mouth resuscitation over the telephone, which Mrs Rogers shouted to her husband. Sarah then took over so that the couple could try to revive both children.

Mrs Rogers said tearfully: "We tried, we kept trying, but it was too late".

The children, described as being like brother and sister, had spent the day playing cricket. Mr Rogers said: "Claire was a tomboy and she loved Arsenal. She was a fanatic about them and her cricket and her rugby." They were last seen making a camp, using dining room chairs, in Claire's bedroom. Mrs Rogers said: "The last time I saw them they both grinned because they knew they were making a mess, but they were having such fun. I could hear them laughing as I walked away."

Daniel's 13-year-old sister, Helen, said: "They used to tie each other's legs all the time to see who could escape the quickest. They would pretend they had been kidnapped and that someone was coming to rescue them." Claire's younger sister, Amy, nine, said they also used to play torture games and tie each other up around the neck.

Daniel Gibbs and Claire Rogers: "like brother and sister"

Mr Rogers, a British Telecom engineer, was decorating a downstairs room at the time of the tragedy. He said: "I just don't understand why they didn't cry out. The house was quiet and no one heard a sound."

Daniel's parents, Paul and Deby Gibbs, who live near by, spent the day at the Rogers's semi-detached house. "They are devastated like we are." Mr Rogers said. Police were yesterday waiting for post-mortem examinations on the children, but Detective Inspector Paul Lazell stressed that they regarded the deaths as a "tragic accident" and said that the parents had not behaved negligently.

Officers believe the children strangled themselves after one fell off the bunk bed. The scarf was wound too tightly around their necks to allow them to free themselves.

Detectives thought the children might have copied a hanging scene shown in Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves, which was broadcast on Bank Holiday Monday. Mr Gibbs said: "I can definitely say that had nothing to do with it. They hadn't watched that film. They were just kids larking about."

Steve Rogers and his daughter, Amy, yesterday. He tried to resuscitate the children

Prisoners selling sex in jail, inspection team told

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

PRISONERS in one of the country's top security jails are involved in male prostitution with other inmates because they are short of cash, according to allegations in an official report on the prison.

The claims are made in a report by the chief inspector of prisons on Full Sutton jail near York, which can hold up to 570 inmates. It is one of five top security jails in Britain housing the most dangerous and difficult offenders including IRA terrorists, sex offenders and kidnappers.

Sir David Ramsbotham, the Chief Inspector of Prisons, says in his report that an team of inspectors visiting the jail nine months ago spoke to a group of category A inmates. The report says that they told inspectors: "People were prostituting themselves due to lack of money."

Yesterday Sir David said: "You have to remember that is what prisoners tell us. If we find it to be disproved, we say so but we cannot prove that prostitution is or is not happening."

Sir David said that his team of experts, who include former governors, psychologists and healthcare specialists who have worked in prison for some time, had told him the similar claims had been made on other occasions.

He said he believed prisoners were driven to prostitution because many long term prisoners had no private cash and unable to work they received only £2.50p a week. "Quite a lot have been cut off from families and so, I suppose, they are doing this because they need the money for other purposes," Sir David added.

A source in the prison service confirmed that prostitution had been part of prison life for many years, particularly among long term inmates. "Certainly a number of long term prisoners make a living by selling sexual services usually in exchange for tobacco or drugs," the source said.

A spokesman for the Prison Service said that no complaints about prostitution among prisoners had been made to Ron Tasker, the governor.

Saturday in THE TIMES

Princess's dress designer faces failure of business

By Kathryn Knight

ELIZABETH EMANUEL, the designer who made the wedding gown of Diana, Princess of Wales, said yesterday that her business was near collapse after her major backer went into administration with debts of £40 million.

Only a year ago, Ms Emanuel, 44, opened a showpiece bridal store in the West End. Yesterday she was desperately trying to find a new financial backer to secure the future of her 14 staff.

"I have sunk everything into this company, all my money, my soul, my name, my brand. I really believe in it," she said. "I cannot believe this is happening. It is devastating."

Ms Emanuel had gone into business with Hamlet, a clothing importer, in April last year when she revealed plans for a new store to show the work from her design studio. The firm took a 48 per cent stake in her business, investing £500,000 with the promise that if it did not want to invest more, it would find a third party prepared to put more money in, she said.

She learnt about Hamlet's collapse on her return from America, where she was selling her spring and summer collection, a few days ago. "We had no warning at all it was going to collapse. One moment they were fully supporting, the next they had the administrators in," she said. "We knew there was something wrong when we got back from the States and no one returned our calls. We literally could not get hold of anyone.

"The problem is that although the company is doing incredibly well, we are still totally dependent on Hamlet because they've been putting the money in, as the business is only starting out."

Ms Emanuel was formerly one half of the most famous design partnership of the 1980s. She met her former husband, David, in 1975 when they were fashion students and married him the same year.

Emanuel: devastated by collapse of major backer

Funding from Ms Emanuel's father meant that the couple could immediately open their own couture shop in Mayfair, but their most famous moment came when Lady Diana Spencer chose them to design her wedding gown in 1981.

Business boomed. Then in 1990 they announced they were to separate, with Ms Emanuel continuing to design under the Emanuel label.

Last night the future of both the design studio and the shop were in the balance. "I joined up with them because they had a £200 million turnover and were a healthy company," Ms Emanuel said. "I can only hope we can be saved."

Coopers & Lybrand, the accountants, which has been appointed administrator to Hamlet, said share dealings in the east London company, which made an £8 million profit last year, were suspended last week. Chris Hughes, joint administrator, said that Hamlet's collapse was due to management problems and the company overstretching itself financially. However, he said there was still hope for Ms Emanuel.

"We are actively completing a review of the businesses, which are trading as normal. We have already had several expressions of interest."

Class warrior defies the Army

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

ARMY chiefs were furious yesterday after an officer suspended for writing an article about class in the service spoke out again when he was ordered not to return to work.

Major Eric Joyce, a staff officer in the Adjutant General's Corps, said he was expecting to return to his duties after being suspended for two weeks for writing an article for the Fabian Society saying that the Army was divided by a class system. However, he received a letter informing him that his suspension remained in place and he was to stay at home.

Major Joyce, based at Upavon, Wiltshire, said: "It's effectively an indefinite suspension and I've not been given any explanation why they've extended it. I'm very disappointed that they think stalling will put the issue out of the public eye. I agreed not to speak out until I went back but they could keep me out forever. I still do not believe I did anything wrong."

His new remarks provoked an angry response from Army chiefs. One source described senior officers as "hopping mad". A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said: "His letter said he should not be speaking to the press. Now that he is, it's up to management to decide what to do about that. He probably will be sent for fairly soon."

Army chiefs are taking legal advice on what action to take. The spokesman said: "There is no set penalty for writing a book or being rude about the Army. This is a pretty broad-shouldered organisation."

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The Spice Girls: "the advantage with them," George Harrison said, "is that you can watch them with the sound off"

George Harrison, left, said the music of Oasis, above, and Texas, below, was "rubbish" and that Oasis would be better off without Liam Gallagher

Beatle scorns 'boring' modern pop groups

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE former Beatle George Harrison has launched a vitriolic attack on modern British pop bands, describing groups such as U2, Texas and Oasis as rubbish and claiming that the best thing about the Spice Girls is that "you can watch them with the sound turned off".

In an interview with the French newspaper *Le Figaro* published yesterday, Harrison, 54, lambasts the egotism of modern pop stars, the commercialism of the music industry and the power of record companies.

The music of Oasis, U2 and Texas is "rubbish" and "not very interesting", he told his interviewer, Jen-Luc Wachthausen. "It's alright if you're 14 years old. I prefer to listen to [Bob] Dylan," he said.

"One thing irritates me about current music: everything is based on ego. Look at a group like U2: Bono and his band are so egocentric. It's horrible ... the more you shout, the higher you jump, the bigger your hat, the more people listen to your music.

"It's like that today in the recording industry. Whatever you play, the most important thing is to sell and make money. It's got nothing to do with talent."

Harrison conceded that the Beatles may have had their fair share of hype but he added: "Everything has got out of proportion today with the power of the record companies, the media, television, radio ... it's staggering."

Harrison's broadside comes less than a year after he criticised Liam Gallagher of the Beatles-inspired Oasis, pointing out that the group would be better off and more in tune without "the silly one".

In contrast to modern British groups, Harrison maintained that the Beatles' music appealed to different generations and continued to attract new fans "aged 7 to 77".

"Today adolescents and even children still adore *Yellow Submarine*. That gives me comfort and proves that the band will last forever," he said. "Will U2 be remembered in 30 years? And the Spice Girls? I doubt it," he added.

Asked what he would do if he was aged 20 today, Harrison joked: "I would certainly produce the Spice Girls. If I knew at 20 what I know now, it would be fabulous. I would certainly retire before becoming famous."

The interview suggests that Harrison's philosophy, and perhaps his musical tastes, have changed little since the 1970s.

He described his forthcoming album with Ravi Shankar, the sitar player, as a small contribution to peace. "That is the subject of this album: love and peace."

Harrison said he was still writing songs and might make a new album in the winter. "I would really like to record again with the Travelling Wilburys — alas, without Roy Orbison — but Bob Dylan is ill. I must see him soon."

His recipe for understanding the world, achieving inner peace and presumably learning to tolerate the Spice Girls, remains unchanged. "My advice is to plunge into meditation which gives the keys, making God's signs comprehensible in order to open the door to understanding. To pass from ignorance to knowledge, from the darkness into light."

> ❛ Everything is based on ego. Whatever you play, the most important thing is to sell and make money. It's got nothing to do with talent ❜

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Father's son: Julian and Cynthia after Lennon's death

Lennon's letter of love for son

BY JOHN SHAW

THE guilt and anguish of John Lennon over his separation from his young son Julian are disclosed in a letter written to his wife, Cynthia, in 1965.

Lennon, who was shot dead outside his New York flat when Julian was aged 17, admits he was a "thoughtless bastard" who did not pay enough attention to the two-year-old boy, and ends: "I feel like crying."

The two-page letter helps to explode the view that the singer, divorced by Cynthia in 1968 because of his adultery with Yoko Ono, had less than fatherly instincts for his first son, born on April 8, 1963.

In faded black ink, it is the only remaining portion of a six-page letter but it is still forecast to make up to £17,000 in a Sotheby's rock sale in London on September 17.

It was written when the Beatles were enjoying a break at their hideaway mansion in Benedict Canyon, Hollywood, during a pressured US tour.

Lennon's thoughts turned to home and he reflected on being an absent father to Julian, telling his wife: "I really miss him as a person now ... he's not so much 'the baby' or 'my baby' anymore. He's a real living part of me now — you know, he's Julian and everything.

"I can't wait to see him, I miss him more than I've ever done before — I think it has been a slow process my feelings like a real father!

"I spend hours in dressing rooms thinking about the times I've wasted not being with him — and playing with him — you know. I keep thinking of those stupid bastard times when I keep reading bloody newspapers whilst he's in the room with me. I've decided it's ALL WRONG!"

He concludes: "I'll go now because I'm bringing myself down thinking what a thoughtless bastard I seem to be ... I really feel like crying."

The letter goes under the hammer with a postcript from Cynthia, who writes: "This letter gives a true insight into the way John felt about his son ... A perfect example of the real John Lennon. 1965."

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Police offer escape route to careless drivers

Motorists can opt for a two-day course to improve their skills rather than go to court, writes **Frances Gibb**

MOTORISTS who face prosecution for driving without due care and attention are being offered the alternative of attending a course to improve their driving skills.

A pilot project is under way in nine police stations in London in which motorists can opt to pay £120 to go on a two-day "driver improvement course" with a driving school and escape court proceedings.

The option is being offered to drivers where police consider there is evidence to justify a prosecution. If successful, the scheme — which runs until the end of March — could be extended. But some lawyers have expressed concern about what they see as motorists being offered a chance to "buy" their way out of prosecution.

A letter sent to one motorist by Belgravia police read: "Full attendance on the course and participation in all its components would remove the need to involve you in court proceedings, but failure fully to attend the course may lead to further consideration for prosecution."

The letter insists that drivers are not under any pressure to go on the course. It continues: "I must point out that this is not an ultimatum and if you feel that you were in no way to blame or at fault, then you should decline this invitation. Your file would then be referred to the Crown Prosecution Service."

In Belgravia, motorists who opt for the course are asked to pay a £120 fee direct to the British School of Motoring. If they do not reply to the offer within 14 days of receiving the letter, the police assume they do not wish to take the offer up and will consider prosecution. The course covers theory and practical training, given by driving instructors approved by the Department of Transport.

Marc Maitland, a barrister whose client was offered the course as an option to prosecution, said he had been surprised and concerned to hear of the scheme. "I find it worrying that someone can be asked to pay a commercial organisation, whose relationship with the police is unknown, on the basis of which police make a decision as to whether or not to prosecute." His client refused the offer and denied the charge but was found guilty after a one-day trial. But when shown the police letter, the magistrates, who had not known of the scheme, imposed a conditional discharge.

Driving without due care and attention can carry a fine of up to a maximum £2,500 and between three and nine points on a licence or possible disqualification.

Richard Penny, an administrative officer in the traffic section of Belgravia police's criminal justice unit, said that one of the aims of the pilot scheme was to relieve the pressure on the courts.

It was too soon to judge the success of the scheme, he added, although just under half those offered the course at Belgravia had taken up the offer. "Some are put off by the £120 cost, and others say they are innocent. If that is the case, they they should decline the offer and go to court to let the magistrates decide."

Film-makers put artists' colourful lives in the frame

FROM DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT
IN VENICE

Minghella: executive producer of Lippi film

THE Oscar-winning director Anthony Minghella is to join the gallery of film-makers producing work about great artists. He and his wife are collaborating on a portrait of the 15th-century Florentine artist Fra Filippo Lippi, which will focus on his relationship with a beautiful nun who bore his child.

Rembrandt, Gauguin and Modigliani are among the painters and sculptors whose life and work is being brought to the screen. Film-makers believe that they offer the fail-safe ingredients for box-office success: passion, violence and tragedy.

They hope to create images as unforgettable as Kirk Douglas's portrayal of Van Gogh in 1956. They also share artists' pursuit of perfection. One film source referred to the much-criticised *Surviving Picasso*, starring Anthony Hopkins: "After Picasso last year, everyone thinks they can do better."

The Lippi film, *The Assumption of the Virgin*, is produced by Carolyn Choa. Mr Minghella, her husband, is executive producer with Mark Shivas. It is being made with the BBC, whose work dominates the Venice Film Festival which opened yesterday.

Ms Choa said that the screenplay, which has not yet been cast, was based on a fictionalised account by Katie Campbell, a novelist.

"This is an extraordinary love story," she added.

Lippi (c1406-69) painted many of his Madonnas with the face of the nun, called Lucrezia. He was a Carmelite monk when he first saw her, and persuaded the nuns to let her model for him.

Vasari, the 16th-century art historian, said that "by various ways he managed to steal her from the nuns ... this episode disgraced the nuns and the girl's father never smiled again". Their child, Filippino Lippi, was also a great master.

Such was his reputation that Lippi was offered a dispensation from the Pope to marry Lucrezia. But Vasari explains that the offer was refused because "He wanted to stay free and give full rein to his desires."

The desires, and tragedies, of Paul Gauguin have been turned into a screenplay by Christopher Hampton, best known for the award-winning *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*. The screenplay is an adaptation of Somerset Maugham's novel *The Moon and Sixpence*. Gauguin will be played by Alan Rickman, who was among British stars who flew into Venice yesterday.

Mr Hampton said: "It is easier to write about painters than writers or composers because film is a visually powerful medium. It liberates you from having discussions about the art because you can see what they are doing."

The Austrian actor Klaus Maria Brandauer is to play Rembrandt in a £6 million film made by a French company. Two films about Modigliani are planned: Al Pacino is rumoured to want to make and star in one of them.

Modern artists, too, are attracting film-makers. Shooting began earlier this year on John Maybury's film about Francis Bacon, starring Derek Jacobi. It is co-produced by the BBC and the British Film Institute. Michelle Pfeiffer is tipped to play Georgia O'Keeffe and Keanu Reeves is considering playing Robert Mapplethorpe, the controversial photographer.

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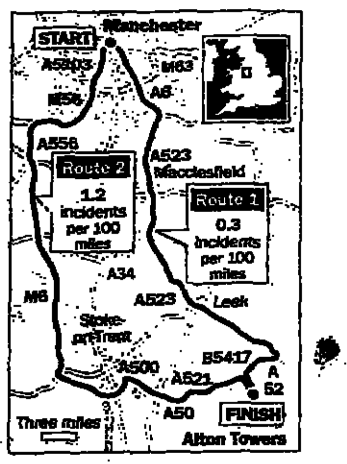
ALAN WELLER

Bringing art to life: Carolyn Choa with one of Lippi's works featuring the Madonna

Steer clear of the motorways to avoid traffic jams

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT



MOTORISTS not wishing to get stuck in a traffic jam should avoid travelling from London to Swansea on the M4. They are more likely to be delayed than on any other journey in the country.

Figures released yesterday show a steady increase in traffic jams during the first half of the year. They also highlight the blackspots and advise on how to avoid them.

The comprehensive survey by the AA of more than 170,000 hold-ups discloses that motorists can increase fourfold the risk of being delayed, depending on the route they choose. Motorway accidents were confirmed to be the biggest cause of traffic delays.

The worst incident, following an extensive accident that forced the closure of the M42 in Hereford and Worcester in March, caused delays for 28 hours. The average delay caused by the 20 worst traffic hold-ups was more than 6½ hours.

The survey showed that the number of incidents causing delays rose to a peak of 31,492 in June, compared to 25,000 in February, the best month. Heavy rain and storms across much of Britain were blamed for the surge.

The AA's statistical exercise, designed to highlight problem areas, showed big differences in gridlock rates on routes between the same two points. A family travelling from Manchester to the Alton Towers pleasure park in Staffordshire by the M56 and M6 was four times more likely to be involved in hold-ups than going across country on the A6, A523 and A52.

Other significant differences were identified by comparing alternative routes for ten typical business and leisure journeys. For example, motorists travelling from central London to Gatwick airport were nearly three times as likely to be caught in congestion by using the A23 and M23 than by keeping to A roads.

On the London to Swansea route, the chance of hitting a weekday traffic jam was more than four times greater than on a journey from Birmingham to Newcastle.

Although the AA has carried out similar surveys for internal use, yesterday's figures were the first the motoring organisation has published. They are intended to concentrate attention on ways of avoiding congestion.

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Couple mown down by out-of-control Ferrari

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A MAN and his girlfriend were killed as they walked hand in hand on the pavement when a Ferrari skidded out of control and smashed into them.

The brilliant yellow high-performance sports car — an F355 Spider that sells for £103,000 — was overtaking at speed in a suburb of Manchester when it swerved, mounted the pavement and hit the young couple.

Two men were helped out of the burning wreckage of the car on the border of Old Trafford and Whalley Range. One, aged 31, gave himself up at Stretford police station with his solicitor five hours later and was arrested.

Detectives were waiting for his injuries to be treated at Trafford General Hospital before questioning him about the accident. Police are still seeking the other man.

Inspector Alison Fletcher, of the Greater Manchester Police traffic unit, said the car had been leased from Performance Cars of Ware, Hertfordshire. Police want to interview the man who signed the lease hire papers last Friday, who is not the man under arrest. The car had not been reported as stolen.

People from a nearby Territorial Army Centre rushed to give first aid to the injured couple but could do little.

The two victims, who met while they studied at the University of Manchester, lived together in a flat in Old Trafford. They are Stuart Ward, 28, originally from Wythenshawe, south Manchester, and Nathalie Monier, 23, from Marseilles.

Greater Manchester Police has contacted the French Embassy to help to get in touch with Mme Monier's family in France. Mme Monier, whose neck was broken in the accident, taught French privately to supplement her income.

The accident happened about 7pm on Tuesday when the street and pavements were busy. Police have said they have already spoken to a number of witnesses. Lee Ali, 30, who was watching television when he heard a screech of tyres and ran outside, said: "The woman had been thrown a very long way and the man was just a short way behind her. It was immediately obvious that they were both in a very bad way.

"Guys from the Territorial Army were trying their best, so I ran back inside and called emergency services."

Another witness said: "I thought the Ferrari was being chased. It was going hell for leather down the road. I took my eyes off it for one second and heard an almighty crash. It was terrible.

"I saw the driver and passenger from the car. They were covered in blood."

Ms Fletcher said: "It is a terrible tragedy for a couple to be killed in an accident as horrific as this."

High-speed risks of renting a fantasy

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

MOTOR executives have issued guidelines on the importance of judging the reliability of customers who want to test or hire cars such as the Ferrari F355, following a spate of accidents.

There is a growing business in hiring out models which are beyond most people's means to buy. Hiring is still expensive: Bespoke Classic Cars in Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire, charges £375 a day for a classic Ferrari Dino 246 or 308GTS, and £750 for a weekend.

Hire companies are likely to judge customers on creditworthiness and whether their licence is clean: drink-drivers would most often not be allowed to hire, although drivers with up to nine speeding points would. Most demand a deposit of up to £1,000. Checks can vary. Bespoke accepts only drivers aged 25 to 65, with at least two years' driving experience. It will not accept cash. Jenny Smith, a spokeswoman, said: "We have to be careful because we are handing over valuable and powerful cars. We insist on showing customers around the car and give them handwritten details of how it operates."

Guidelines issued by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders say that dealers should check licences of prospective customers. It also wants extra training for salesmen, which includes grading them into "power ratings" so that they earn the right to demonstrate the highest-performance cars.

Miss Pears falls victim to fashion

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE girl who emerges victorious from today's competition to be named Miss Pears 1997 will be the last of the line.

The makers of the famous transparent soap have decided to discontinue the infants' beauty contest linked to its name since 1958. "The competition gives the soap a more family emphasis than we now want," they say. Pears aspires to sell the soap as a "style item".

Previously, the company's greatest marketing coup was the purchase of the portrait by Sir John Millais of his angelic grandson, William James, for 2,000 guineas. *Bubbles* became one of the most familiar advertising images of all time.

Pears is now hoping that its soap will appeal to a wider audience than mothers with angelic children.

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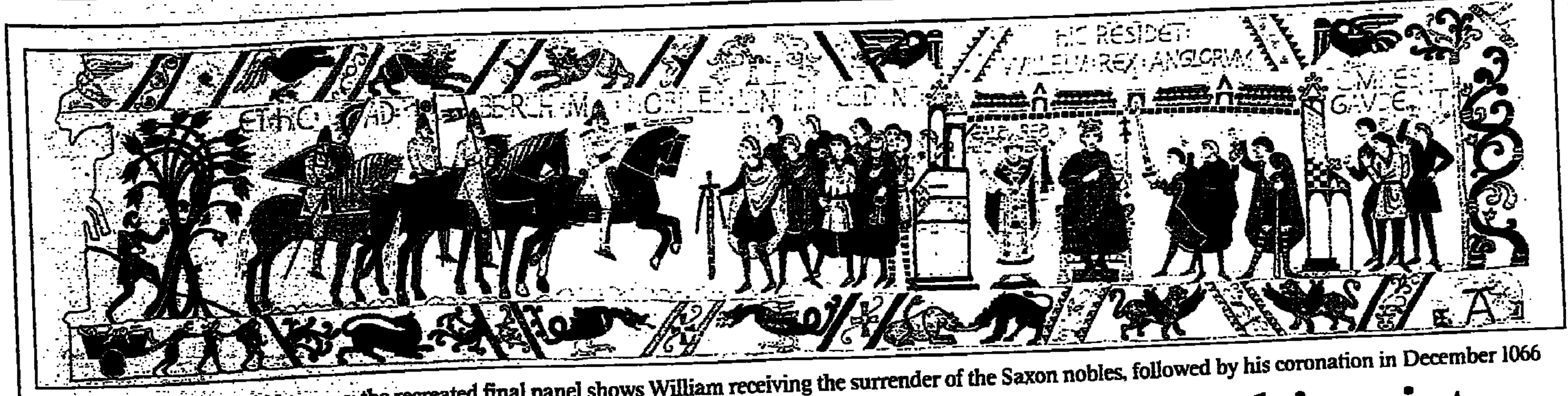
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Happy ending for the Normans: the recreated final panel shows William receiving the surrender of the Saxon nobles, followed by his coronation in December 1066

Stitches in time complete the Conqueror's big picture

By Russell Jenkins

THE lost ending to one of history's masterpieces has been sewn up at last. A determined embroidery expert has recreated the final panel of the Bayeux tapestry, showing William the Conqueror being crowned King.

Jan Messent, 60, spent 18 painstaking months researching the background and using materials employed at the time, such as fine lambswool yarn and plant dyes. Yesterday at Thirsk, North Yorkshire, she said: "My ultimate ambition is to see it exhibited alongside the tapestry in Normandy but the French might not take kindly to an English woman finishing their treasure."

The original tapestry — 232ft long and 19½ins wide — was commissioned in England and tells the story of the Norman invasion in 1066 in eight linen panels. The surviving part hangs in Bayeux, Normandy, but ends abruptly in a ragged edge with the English flight from the Battle of Hastings. Ms Messent's creation, which has been valued at £15,000, would fit perfectly on the end.

It shows the final surrender of the Saxon nobles at Berkhamstead and the coronation of William. There is also a continuation of the original tapestry's imagery: two dogs fighting over a bone depict the struggle between France and England, and an owl carries off a rabbit to signify the removal of the dead from battlefield.

Ms Messent, a former art teacher, took up embroidery 25 years ago and now writes and lectures on the subject. Her research has led her to reject historian's criticisms of the original work. "The mistakes they point out, such as overlaps, are perfectly understandable to me," she said. "The panels are too wide to complete at one sitting, the embroiderer would keep swapping sides to complete the work. Often they would be stitching upside down."

☐ The panel goes on public show for the first time at the Madeira Craft Embroidery and Fashion 97 Show at Harrogate in October.

Jan Messent and a detail from the original, showing the defeated Harold pulling an arrow from his eye

Two pilots cleared over girl in cockpit

By A Staff Reporter

TWO British Airways pilots who were suspended after a five-year-old girl was seen in the cockpit of a London-bound jet have been cleared of any wrongdoing, it was announced yesterday.

Captain Phil Higton and his co-pilot underwent an investigation after claims that Emily Pickersgill pushed buttons on the flight deck of a Boeing 757. "The two pilots have been cleared of allegations that they breached company safety regulations," BA said.

The airline was satisfied that passengers and the aircraft were not in danger at any time on the August 16 flight from Nice and said the pilots, both senior and experienced members of staff, were returning to duty immediately.

BA said Emily's father, Keith Pickersgill, from Leeds, had given evidence at the inquiry. A spokesman said: "The pilots were merely responding to the request from one of our younger travellers who, given the right conditions, are always welcome on the flight deck."

BA passenger jets within 400ft of collision over Kent

Nigel Hawkes reports on a near miss caused by a controller telling the wrong plane to descend

TWO British Airways jets carrying more than 300 passengers came within 400ft of a mid-air collision over Kent when an air traffic controller told the wrong aircraft to descend.

Only a combination of good visibility and the quick reactions of one of the pilots prevented a catastrophe at well over 200mph. The pilot told a formal inquiry into the incident that had his Boeing 757 been fitted with an anti-collision device, known as TCAS, he would not have begun the descent.

The investigation disclosed that there were so many aircraft "stacking" over Kent that the displays showing which aircraft was which on the controller's radar screen were overlapping. As a result, the Civil Aviation Authority is urgently investigating improvements to the system to prevent overlapping.

Many of the aircraft also had similar callsigns; the two involved in the near miss were of the same type, were operated by the same company and therefore had the same prefix, and one of the last three numbers was the same.

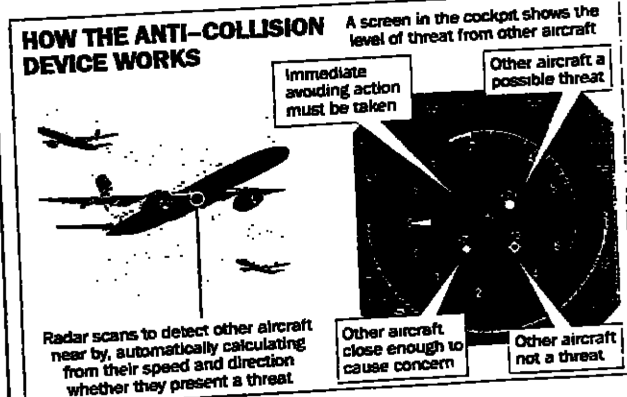
The report by the CAA's Joint Airprox Working Group said: "With the potential problems of callsign confusion probably uppermost in the controller's mind, members wondered whether these similarities might have perversely triggered the controller into giving the erroneous instruction."

The incident happened over Biggin Hill during the morning "rush" on November 22 last year. The two Boeing 757s — one from Paris Orly with 165 passengers and seven crew on board, the other from Geneva with more than 150 passengers and seven crew — were circling over northern Kent waiting for clearance to land at Heathrow. The Paris jet was at 11,000ft, his colleague returning from Geneva was immediately below him at 10,000ft.

The pilot of the Paris jet was instructed to descend to 9,000ft, but as he dropped through 10,600ft his co-pilot saw the other 757 below him in a turn. The Paris pilot had descended to 10,400ft before he was able to turn and climb to safety. The report stated he "felt there had been a high risk of collision and that under instrument conditions a collision would have occurred".

The captain of the Geneva jet said that when he heard the controller tell another aircraft to descend to 9,000ft, he assumed he was talking to an aircraft miles away in another holding pattern.

When the near collision happened, the report said, delays were 15 to 20 minutes and, given the number of aircraft in the vicinity, the air traffic control task "was complicated by the difficulties experienced with radar data block overlap and secondary radar garbling". Further problems were being caused by the potential for callsign confusion as two flights by an American carrier had been allocated the same callsign and two flights operated by a European carrier had very similar flight numbers.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Radar scans to detect other aircraft near by, automatically calculating from their speed and direction whether they present a threat
Other aircraft close enough to cause concern
Other aircraft not a threat

Planes must have radar alert by 1999

By Our Air Correspondent

THE Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System — TCAS — must by law be fitted to all aircraft flying in Europe by the end of 1999. It has been mandatory for any airline flying to or within the United States since 1992.

British Airways said last night that half its fleet of 250 jets had been fitted with it. Work on the Boeing 757 fleet is about to begin at a cost of £8 million and it still has some aircraft on domestic or European routes waiting to have it fitted.

TCAS is a form of radar that sweeps the skies around the aircraft every second, displaying on a panel in front of the pilot any aircraft within range. A computer calculates the other aircraft's path and, if the two appear to be converging or there is any potential danger, the display signs change colour, eventually turning red while a synthesised voice tells the pilot to take immediate evasive action.

The CAA resisted the introduction of TCAS for years, arguing that the crowded airways around British airports would produce endless false alarms and it would be ignored by pilots.

But it is now widely agreed that the latest version of TCAS works very well in all conditions and pilots have expressed confidence in its ability to prevent mid-air collisions.

Don claims bullish advice landed him in trouble

By Daniel McGrory

WHEN a university lecturer set out to inspect a remote Scottish lighthouse as a possible site for oceanic research, he asked a farmer permission to cross his land — which contained a bull.

According to the don, the farmer's parting advice was that if he found the bull blocking his progress, he should wave his arms and shout, and if that failed, give the beast "two short taps on the nose".

The bull did not get the message, Paul Foskett, 43, told the Court of Session in Edinburgh yesterday. Instead it charged him, striking him on the thigh and groin and hurling him over a wall into stinging nettles.

Mr Foskett, from Lowford, Hampshire, was launching a £50,000 damages action. He claims that the experience bruised more than his dignity, saying that the injuries forced him to give up his post at the Department of Oceanography at Southampton University.

Lord Osborne, who heard preliminary legal argument in the case, ordered that there should be a full hearing. Last night the bull's owner, Graham McClymont, from Drummore, Dumfries and Galloway, denied telling the researcher to "behave so stupidly". He said: "I certainly didn't tell the man to hit a bull on the nose."

Mr McClymont denies liability and blames Mr Foskett for inciting the bull. He insists that while he gave Mr Foskett permission to be on parts of his land near Crammag Head lighthouse four years ago, that did not include the area where the bull grazed.

Mr McClymont later disclosed that the main witness cannot be examined ... because he has long since been sent to slaughter.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Scotland is shaken by second earthquake

Central Scotland was shaken by a small earthquake, measuring 2.4 on the Richter scale. Centred near Doune, it prompted hundreds of calls to police but caused no damage, although a bison was born three weeks' prematurely at Blairdrummond Safari Park, near Stirling. The tremor on Tuesday evening was Scotland's second in a month. The British Geological Survey said: "There are lots of faults through Britain. There is no definite pattern of seismic activity."

Storm kills camel

A camel died at Knowsley Safari Park, Merseyside, when it was struck by lightning between its humps. The death of the unnamed seven-year-old bull was seen by visitors driving by during a storm.

Hide warrant

Magistrates in Highgate, North London, issued a warrant for the arrest of the World Boxing Organisation heavyweight champion Herbie Hide after he failed to appear in court on a kerb-crawling charge.

Arson by fireman

A retained firefighter set a car alight, then helped to extinguish it. John David, 28, from New Milton, Hampshire, was ordered to do 200 hours community service and pay £150 compensation for arson by Southampton Crown Court.

Winning smile

Ken Tarrant, 52, from Middleton, Manchester, who won £901,000 on the Lottery the day after losing his job as a road worker, said his first priority was a new set of teeth and a holiday with his wife, Chris, 51.

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Drinking-up time

A former GI has returned to the Bell Hotel in Shepton Mallet, Somerset, for a free pint. Ken Hoover, 74, from Pennsylvania, had left one unfinished 53 years ago when he was ordered back to camp for D-Day.

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Schoolchildren may lose their pets

The classroom guinea-pig faces a ban.

David Charter and **Adrian Lee** on why it is falling out of official favour

A BAN on school pets is being considered by education officials who believe that keeping classroom guinea pigs is cruel and out of date. School animals could be replaced with videos and CD-Roms of rabbits and mice in their natural environment, John Stodter, director of education for Aberdeen City Council, said.

Mr Stodter said that keeping pets in cages was immoral and sent the wrong message to children about animal welfare. "It sets a bad example which reinforces and perpetuates the belief that humans can imprison other species for their own gratification," he said.

"Conditions are far removed from the natural environment and the animals are subjected to noise and overhandling. Making arrangements for caring for animals at weekends and holidays always presents a problem for teachers, as does the potential financial implications where an animal becomes sick or injured."

It is believed to be the first time that an education authority has proposed a formal ban since the decline in school pets prompted by concern about neglect and disease. A survey of Aberdeen schools showed nine out of nearly fifty kept creatures including lizards, gerbils and tropical fish. The ban will be debated next week but has the support of Jim Wyness, the education committee's Labour chairman.

"There is no learning to be made from the use of animals in schools," he said. "The idea of having what should be wild animals for fun is outdated now."

Animal welfare groups were yesterday divided over the proposed ban. The suggestion was condemned as extreme by the Federation of Zoos. Mary Rosevear, of the federation, said: "If children don't get close to animals at a young age and learn to respect them, it is very difficult to work on the adult."

Sarah Winfield, deputy manager at Vauxhall City Farm, central London, said: "If the right animals are kept — small, low-maintenance ones — I don't see any problems. The idea is to teach children to respect animals and understand that they have feelings too."

But the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals gave cautious support to a ban. "On balance, we would rather pets were not kept in schools," John Briggs, its deputy chief superintendent, said. "Our main concern is that animals are left untended over weekends. We believe they should be looked at every day. It is also important that animals are not handled too much and have rest periods."

Shelley the sheep entertaining a Manchester infants' school. Some schools prefer farm trips and visits by animal specialists to keeping pets

The RSPCA prosecuted a school caretaker in Berkshire earlier this year for neglecting a school duck. She was given a conditional discharge by magistrates and resigned. Since then the school has stopped keeping pets and relies on trips to farms and visits by animal specialists. When a rare birds' display was held, a falcon was brought in.

David Whitbread, education officer for the Local Government Association, said the growth of keeping pets in primary schools was linked with the move towards topic-based work in the late 1960s, and reached its heyday 25 years ago. "Not only did they help with biology but children could write a poem or story about the rabbit. Some secondary schools, especially in rural areas, have a mini-farm."

Problems arose out of neglect of animals and the occasional break-ins when they were killed by vandals. One family tried, unsuccessfully, to sue Hertfordshire County Council when the school guinea pig they were looking after for the weekend escaped and chewed their new, full-length curtains.

'Herbal high' drugs to be banned

By Richard Duce

DRUGS known as "herbal highs", which are sold as a natural alternative to Ecstasy and cannabis, are to be outlawed by the Government. The drugs, popular at nightclubs, raves and pop festivals, have been linked to at least 15 deaths in America.

Staff from the Medicines Control Agency (MCA) plan to target mail order firms and specialist suppliers known as "head shops" to stamp out the trade. Alan Milburn, the Health Minister, said yesterday: "These drugs imitate the effects of such widely known illegal drugs as cannabis or Ecstasy but claim to be without the legal or health risks. Yet these herbal high drugs are illegal, very dangerous, and can be killers."

To tackle the problem the Government is to enforce the Medicine Act 1968, which will make trading or manufacturing the drugs without a licence illegal. The MCA awards such licences only after extensive trials prove a product safe.

Herbal highs are marketed under such names as Druid's Fantasy, Skull Cap, Herbal Ecstasy, Purples and Road Runner. A typical advertisement reads: "An LSD-type experience", including "giggles, time distortion, perceptual change and brighter colours".

Ingredients include substances such as khat, yohimbe bark and its active ingredient yohimbe, ipomoea, and ephedra, which has the active ingredient ephedrine. The deaths in America have been associated with products containing ephedra.

According to the Government, khat, popular with immigrants from Africa and the Middle East, is known to cause a form of psychosis and yohimbe is potentially hazardous when used in conjunction with common drugs found in cough and cold remedies.

Dealers who try to promote the herbal highs as "safe" alternatives to mind-bending drugs were warned a year ago by the MCA to stop trading. They now face up to two years in jail for selling pills which, by mail order in youth magazines, cost between £3 and £5. Others are almost as expensive as controlled drugs: a substance known as "Cat", said to have a similar effect to cocaine, retails at £55 a gram — £10 less than the real thing.

Mr Milburn said: "It is clear that some suppliers and retailers have cynically ignored the MCA and have gone back on their word. Direct action is the now the only option to protect the public."

Cot deaths rise renews pressure for research

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

COT deaths have risen for the first time in eight years, prompting fears that the big reduction achieved in the early 1990s may not be sustained.

In 1996 there were 499 cot deaths in Britain, up from 470 the year before, according to figures issued yesterday by the Office for National Statistics. The rise was concentrated in England and Wales, up from 416 to 441, and in Northern Ireland where provisional figures suggest a tripling from the five deaths in 1995. In Scotland, provisional figures showed a continued decline, from 49 to 43. The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths said that it hoped the rise in deaths was a blip rather than the start of a trend. "While the rise is small and parents should not feel unduly panicked, every single baby's death is tragic," Joyce Epstein, secretary-general of the foundation, said.

"We don't know exactly how this has occurred. What is clear is that further research is still needed to shed light on why babies die."

The latest figures are still far below those of the late 1980s, when there were more than 1,300 cot deaths a year. The reduction was attributed to campaigns to educate parents about risk factors, including advice to put babies to sleep on their back instead of their stomach. Although that appeared to have had a clear effect on the death rate, the cause of cot death remained unknown, the foundation said.

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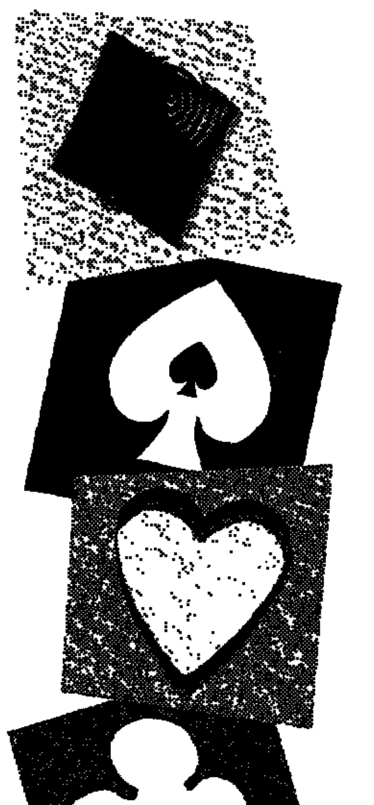

Vixen and Wild Brew tamed after report attacks alcopop marketing

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

FIVE drinks companies, including the Sainsbury's supermarket chain, have withdrawn alcopops after being criticised for targeting under 18s or linking packaging to drugs.

Another eight alcopops, including products from the supermarket group Asda and the brewers Bass and Whitbread, are to be repackaged after an investigation by the Portman Group, an organisation funded by drinks companies.

The Portman Group, set up to promote sensible drinking, today criticises Whitbread's Wild Brew for labelling that encourages irresponsible drinking. But it ruled that, although the label included a picture resembling a marijuana leaf, that did not infringe the code of practice.

One of the drinks to be given a new name is Moo, the alcoholic milk drink that was heavily criticised when it was launched. Thirteen out of 17 complaints made by members of the public, trading standards officers, the charity Alcohol Concern and the Health Education Authority, have been upheld by a panel who studied the marketing and packaging of alcopops.

Moo: appealed more to under 18s than adults

The Portman Group hailed the action of the companies as evidence that the industry was able to regulate itself. Jean Coussins, director of the group, said: "The willingness of companies to act unhesitatingly on breaches of our code of practice shows the industry is committed to cracking down on unacceptable marketing of alcoholic products."

The industry is to introduce a tighter code of practice from September 1 in an attempt to avoid government controls on alcopops.

The products being taken off the shelves include Allied Domecq's Barking Frog because the panel found the image of a frog on the label meant the drink was likely to appeal to under 18s; Beverage Brands' WKD Red because the letters WKD would be linked with the current slang usage of "wicked" and would appeal to under 18s, and because packaging involving a woman's body with a zip partly undone linked the drink with sexual prowess. Other drinks being dropped are Cott Europe's Vixen because its name and the words "ignite your wild side" linked with an illustration of a naked woman and lipstick kisses suggested sexual success; and Sainsbury's Alcoholic Lemon Drink because the panel found the cartoon on the bottle depicting a lemon as a fish would appeal to under 18s. It has already been withdrawn.

A fifth drink, The Spilt Drinks Company's Jammin' Space Doubt, is to be withdrawn because its name was linked with drug use and would appeal to under 18s, the panel found. It said the name was intended to be a pun on the words "spaced out", meaning intoxicated by drugs.

The drinks that are to be renamed or repackaged after the Portman Group upheld complaints are Asda's Bite, which was criticised for emphasising its above average alcohol content of 5.1 per cent; Speciality Brands' Moo; Welsh Distillers' Raw Passion; Bass Brewers' Red; Intercontinental Brands' Super Milch; Whitbread's Wild Brew; Beverage Brands' WKD and Woody's.

Unshapely potatoes blighted by stores

By Michael Hornsby

DEMAND for well-shaped, blemish-free potatoes in supermarkets is restricting the development of more disease-resistant varieties that require less pesticide, according to growers and breeders.

Supermarkets have increased their share of fresh potato sales from about 40 per cent to more than 60 per cent since 1992. They also have 80 per cent of the market for processed potato products, such as pre-cut chips.

Many of the popular varieties are prone to potato blight, which is at its worst for years because of the warm, humid weather. Potato breeders say supermarkets should use their influence to encourage more research into less disease-prone varieties.

Finlay Dale, a potato specialist at the Scottish Crop Research Institute, near Dundee, said: "The big supermarkets have a limited number of varieties that they are prepared to buy and sell, based partly on eating and cooking quality but also largely on such superficial traits as skin-finish and eye appeal.

"Many of these varieties, like Maris Piper, are very vulnerable to blight, which means that farmers are having to spray their potatoes up to 14 times in a season to grow a crop that supermarkets will accept."

David Sawday, spokesman for Tesco, said: "We recognise that genetics can bring advances in disease resistance but the consumer's judgment must remain paramount."

Jurassic Park in glorious colour

By Nigel Hawkes

DINOSAURS may soon be revealed in their true colours by Australian scientists who have discovered the original pigmentation of a prehistoric fish.

Until now the skin colour of dinosaurs and other extinct species has been entirely conjectural.

Dr Andrew Parker of the Australian Museum in Sydney and his colleagues have found traces in ancient fossils of the cells that originally gave them their colour. Called chromatophores, they had been overlooked by earlier investigators, he believes, because they look so like other types of cell.

He studied an ancient fish, a heavily armed placoderm from the Devonian Period 370 million years ago. On the upper part of the body, New Scientist reports, he found red pigment granules inside the chromatophores, while the lower part had traces of the grooves that create the iridescent sheen of modern marine crustaceans.

He concludes that the placoderm was red on top and silvery underneath. Once he was able to recognise the structures he found them on a range of extinct creatures ranging from worms to fish.

Whether that will also prove true of dinosaurs has yet to be demonstrated but Dr Parker is hopeful. "We can finally accurately describe the colour of extinct animals rather than simply speculate by comparison with modern animals," he says.

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Austria 'sterilises mentally handicapped women'

FROM ROGER BOYES
IN BONN

AUSTRIAN politicians yesterday plunged into the heated European debate about eugenics, claiming that the country was still forcing mentally handicapped women to be sterilised.

Theresia Haidlmayr, the Green spokeswoman, said that there were no legal obstructions in Austria to sterilising certain categories of patient. Some 70 per cent of mentally handicapped women had been treated in this way, she said, although the party admits there are no reliable statistics.

The comments came as both Switzerland and Norway admitted that they had, until the 1970s, also practised compulsory sterilisation on mentally handicapped or racially "unsuitable" men and women, according to disclosures published yesterday.

Swedish revelations that 60,000 people had to undergo compulsory sterilisation over 50 years have sent historians throughout Europe searching their national medical archives for evidence incriminating or clearing their own countries.

The Swiss case is regarded as important because the Nazis used 1928 sterilisation legislation from the French-speaking canton of Vaud to fashion their own 1934 laws.

"Even Hitler requested a copy of the law from the canton and from the Government in Berne as a basis for Nazi Germany's own racist laws," said Hans Ulrich Jost, a Lausanne history professor.

Switzerland, still struggling with revelations that its banks profited from the Holocaust, was shocked by Professor Jost's documentary proof. He found one recommendation for sterilisation for a young woman, two months pregnant, because she was described as "feeble-minded, morally weak, idiotic and promiscuous".

But the deepest concern is in Scandinavia, because the evidence is clear that compulsory sterilisation was not merely part of the racist prewar climate but became a conscious feature of Social Democratic policy after the war. Sweden dropped compulsory sterilisation only in 1976, while Finland and Norway also practised it well into the 1970s. Norway sterilised about 2,000 people against their will between 1934 and 1976, according to Nils Rolf-Hansen, a professor in Oslo.

Most of the victims seemed to have been drawn from socially deprived backgrounds or were exhibiting some form of mental illness. In some cases, hospital workers refused to carry out abortions unless the women agreed to be sterilised. Boys in reform schools were sterilised before going on summer work camps, so that they would not reproduce with socially "acceptable" Swedes.

But the sterilisation campaign also targeted racially "mixed" Swedes, including women from Gypsy families. It was this element — that the benign welfare state treasured by Swedes for more than 50 years could continue essentially national socialist eugenics — that has most alarmed Swedes and prompted questions about the internal controls within a welfare state system. A flood of compensation claims is now expected.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Olympic bombing threat

A GROUP calling itself "We Who Built Sweden" claimed responsibility yesterday for a powerful bomb explosion at a stadium in the western Swedish port of Gothenburg on Monday.

The group said that, if Stockholm is chosen next month as the venue for the 2004 Olympic Games, Sweden should prepare for a campaign of guerrilla warfare. In a faxed statement the group said it was acting for a majority of Swedes who did not want the Olympics. "We are well organised and determined." *(Reuters)*

Bethlehem reopened

Jerusalem: Israeli military authorities have taken what they describe as "a calculated risk" and lifted a 28-day internal closure of Bethlehem, which has been the scene of intense unrest (Ross Dunn writes). The decision follows strong international pressure against the blockade, which has prevented Christian pilgrims visiting the birthplace of Jesus and severely disrupted the vital tourist industry.

Singer dies destitute

Athens: Sotiria Bellou, the folk singer who rose to fame in Greece in the 1950s with a song commemorating two Greek Cypriots hanged by the British, has died here, aged 76 (John Carr writes). She was reportedly destitute, not least because, for the past two years her sharp-edged voice, reminiscent of Edith Piaf's, had been silenced by throat cancer.

100 killed as boats collide

Lagos: About 100 people drowned when two wooden boats collided off Nigeria's Niger delta, a local newspaper reported. The victims were traders travelling from the oil city of Port Harcourt to Nembe in Rivers state. One of more than 70 people who survived blamed the accident on heavy rain. *(Reuters)*

Disco blast suspect held

Rome: Italian police have arrested a Libyan man wanted in Germany for the bombing in 1986 of a Berlin disco frequented by US soldiers in which three people died and 200 were injured. The man was named as Musbah Abulgasem Eter. *(Reuters)*

Vietnamese age claim

Hanoi: Le Thi Co, a 117-year-old Vietnamese grandmother is the latest contender for the title of the world's oldest person. Earlier this month the *Guinness Book of Records* gave the title to a 116-year-old Canadian. *(Reuters)*

German dome makers seek £2m for loss of contract

BY ROGER BOYES

THE German dome-building company snubbed by Peter Mandelson has engaged a top commercial law firm in Britain to press for at least £2 million damages for the loss of the contract to build the Millennium Dome and to maximise the Government's embarrassment in Europe.

Stephen Lock, of Ludgate Communications, said yesterday that Herbert Smith, the commercial law practice with offices in London and Brussels, would take on the British Government and the New Millennium Experience Company for its ditching of the Koch Hightex contract to build the skin of the roof of the Millennium Dome in Greenwich. "Basically, Peter Mandelson could spend the next one or two years in and out of courts in London and Brussels," said Mr Lock.

The hiring of Mr Lock as well as the engagement of a high-carat practice such as Herbert Smith suggest that the Germans are serious. There will be a three-pronged attack, say legal sources: a claim against the British Government and the New Millennium Experience Company; a claim lodged in the European Court on the ground that European directives on procurement were breached; and a formal complaint to the European Commission.

German executives — the company is based in Prien — were bemused by the British decision to switch from a polyester-skin dome to a Teflon-coated fibreglass roof. The company had submitted a quote for Teflon fibreglass in its original tender.

It is the world's biggest maker of fibreglass membranes, with a manufacturing capacity of three million square yards. By comparison, Japanese-owned Birdair, now set to win the order, has a capacity of 600,000 square yards. The price difference between the bids was not large; both were between £14 million and £15 million. If the Government pays even the minimum level of compensation to the Germans, then there will be little to choose between the two bids.

The switch is therefore being regarded as politically motivated by the advisers to the Germans. "Our assumption is that, in trying to distance itself from a PVC dome, the New Millennium Experience Company basically sacked the German company," said Mr Lock.

Mr Mandelson, the minister in charge of the Millennium project, has said the Government decided to use Teflon because the material was expected to last more than 25 years, providing "an enduring legacy after the end of the millennium celebrations".

Tenor Jaime Aragall will sing on opening night

AFP

The Teatro Real in 1995. It will hold its first show in nearly ten years in October

Madrid's ill-fated opera house bursts into song five years late

FROM GILES TREMLETT IN MADRID

MADRID'S opera house, the Teatro Real, is nervously preparing for a grand autumn reopening nearly ten years after closing its doors for what should have been a four-year refurbishment.

Political intrigue, artistic backbiting, architectural incompetence and spiralling prices have all been blamed for turning the £100 million refurbishment into a comic opera of its own.

The theatre was originally meant to open in 1992, when Madrid was Europe's City of Culture. But national, regional and municipal authorities spent years squabbling over funding, eventually raising the total cost fourfold.

Bad luck also played a part. The first architect, José Manuel González de Valcarcel, died while showing journalists around in 1992. His replacement, Francisco Rodriguez, broke his foot shortly after taking over. Work had to be suspended when the main construction company went into receivership.

The opera has had three artistic directors over the past two years. The last to leave was a Frenchman, Stéphane Lessner, who fell out with Esperanza Aguirre, the conservative Culture Minister. A musical director, conductor Antoni Ros Marba, was hired in 1989 but left after arguing with M Lessner. The conductor was six years on the payroll, earning about £600,000, with no orchestra to direct.

A two-tonne glass chandelier crashed in the main auditorium in 1995. When work was deemed to be nearly completed in February this year, it was found the seats were pointing the wrong way.

The problems have now been resolved and the theatre is due to hold its first performance on October 11 with tenor Jaime Aragall and soprano María José Montiel in an all-Spanish production of *La Vida Breve*. King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia will be guests of honour on the opening night, which will draw the cream of European opera. Señora Aguirre promises that the 1,750-seat auditorium will be "the best opera house in the world".

Britain's Royal Ballet, currently homeless while the Royal Opera House undergoes refurbishment, is to perform *Sleeping Beauty* in November.

Madrid's opera and ballet lovers, starved of fare for so long, have swamped the box office. All season tickets were sold in the first three days.

Belgian elite survives paedophile revolt

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

A YEAR since Belgium came close to revolt over the handling of the paedophile murders, the Government and the country's much-criticised institutions have weathered the storm without a single sacking.

Fading photographs of Julie Lejeune and Melissa Russo, the eight-year-olds starved to death in the home of Marc Dutroux, are still visible in windows, cars and shops, but the crisis over the child killings has blown over, sparing the coalition government of Jean-Luc Dehaene.

"A year on and absolutely nothing has changed," said Marc Verwilghen, the popular leader of a parliamentary inquiry which exposed incompetence and failure by the authorities which handled the case. Mr Verwilghen, a Flemish Liberal MP, is angry over the Government's failure to act on his findings.

Mr Dutroux, 41, remains in solitary custody in the southwestern town of Arlon, still denying many of the charges that he kidnapped at least six girls and murdered four at his home near Charleroi. He is reported to be playing with his investigators in the textbook style of a psychopath. In an illustration of the snail-like pace of Belgian justice, his trial is not expected to start until late next year.

No evidence has been produced to confirm speculation that Mr Dutroux and his alleged accomplices enjoyed protection from high-placed figures or that they were the centre of a paedophile ring. However, eight out of ten Belgians still believe this to be the case, according to polls. The parliamentary inquiry is to start investigating the matter next week.

Examining judges yesterday staged the latest confrontation between Mr Dutroux and Michèle Martin, the woman he was living with, who is reported to be cooperating, describing alleged atrocities committed by the "monster of Charleroi". Ms Martin and Michel Lelievre, an alleged accomplice, are the only two of the 12 others charged in the affair to remain in custody.

The emotion of last October's "White March" in which 300,000 citizens demanded reform to the system of political patronage seems like a distant memory. Shocked by the public protests, the Government then promised reforms to answer the charge that the paedophile affair was the symptom of an indifferent and corrupt state.

Measures have been taken. A centre for missing children has been set up. Stung by the evidence of indifference to disappearances, the police are also reacting zealously every time a child goes missing. Judges are to be appointed purely on merit.

But there is a feeling the political establishment has shirked responsibility. Polls show that up to 90 per cent of Belgians feel the Government has taken little account of public demands.

Ministers reject the charge of inaction. "The system that I have to change is rigid," said Stefan De Clerck, the Justice Minister. "To say that nothing has been done is false. It takes more than 100 days to try to correct a system which was going wrong for five years."

Dutroux: his trial not until late next year

Lejeune: starved to death in Dutroux home

Unhealthy rush to altar gets Turks' goats

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU
IN NICOSIA

POLICE on a British base in Cyprus, more used to herding boisterous soldiers, have been in action against some 400 Turkish Cypriot goats being smuggled across the island's dividing "Green Line" to furnish wedding feasts in the Greek Cypriot south.

The floppy-eared excursionists, caught crossing into the British military base of Dhekelia that straddles the divide, escaped being cooked. But they still came to an untimely end. All were destroyed on Tuesday when a vet discovered they were infected with brucellosis. Altogether 387 goats, 25 sheep and three dogs were given lethal injections.

A diplomat said that while it was virtually impossible to get the island's estranged Cypriot leaders to sit at the negotiating table "co-operation between crooks has always been excellent".

Police believe the livestock was destined for Greek Cypriot smugglers hoping to capitalise on the demand for oven-baked goat meat in the late summer months when it is the traditional dish at huge, outdoor wedding feasts. The profit margins are often healthier than the livestock: a goat that sells for about £12 in northern Cyprus can fetch five times that in Greek Cypriot areas.

A civilian court on the base yesterday charged two Turkish Cypriots with "illegal transportation of animals which have not been examined or inoculated". They face up to six-month's jail.

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Gore's 'hit list' of the rich fuels row on funding

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

AL GORE made at least 86 fundraising calls to America's richest lawyers, businessmen and philanthropists, who later gave $3.7 million to the 1996 Democratic campaign, according to startling new documents obtained by a Senate investigation.

Sheafs of "call-sheets" show the Vice-President made more than 50 cold calls to potential donors whose names had been culled from stacks of business and legal magazines, according to the Senate committee which is probing the financing of the most expensive election in American history.

The picture emerging from the documents is that Mr Gore had a much more prominent role in party fundraising than he indicated in March when he was first drawn into the row which has dogged the White House since the November election. It threatens to tarnish his "clean guy" image and undermine his campaign for the White House in 2000.

Mr Gore's office, which submitted the documents to Congress, says: "We want to re-emphasise that everything the Vice-President did was legal and appropriate."

According to the Senate documents, the Democratic National Committee drew up a target list for Mr Gore of 140 names from the top tier of potential donors — those expected to give at least $25,000. Of these, he made 56 cold calls, leaving messages in ten cases, and made another 30 "thank you" calls by way of reminder to people who had pledged big donations but had not yet sent the cash.

A note on the call sheet for John O'Quinn, a Houston lawyer, said he was representing women in breast implant cases and had been featured on the cover of *Fortune* magazine under the headline "Lawyers from Hell". The sheet suggested Mr Gore ask for $100,000; Mr O'Quinn later gave $105,000 in soft money to Democratic party committees.

The call sheet for Ann Getty, a member of the Getty oil family, reminded Mr Gore that they had met in San Francisco in October and suggested asking for $50,000. Large handwriting on the top of the sheet declared "Done".

Mr Gore also asked Marvin Davis, president of the Davis Oil Corporation, for $50,000 and Leon Hess of the Amerada Hess Corporation for $100,000.

The Senate governmental affairs committee, chaired by Republican Fred Thompson, plans to investigate Mr Gore's role more closely in its second round of hearings next month.

Janet Reno, Attorney-General, who has resisted pressure from Republicans to appoint an independent counsel for the controversy, has told the Senate that it is legal for the President and Vice-President to solicit cash from the White House provided that it is for party activities not their personal campaigns.

But the threat to Mr Gore is that the image will stick. Earlier in the year, he suffered from the revelation that his campaign appearance at a Buddhist temple was a fundraising event not a spiritual one; television pictures of him strolling with the temple monks continue to be shown when the fundraising row bubbles up.

The latest disclosures threaten to distract attention from his attempt to use his well-known support for the environment as the first step in the 2000 campaign. While Mr Clinton has been holidaying on Martha's Vineyard, Mr Gore was trudging around Yellowstone National Park preaching the dangers of global warming. But he may find it hard to emerge a hero from the green cause. Americans are reluctant to be told to give up their petrol-guzzling cars, or that the world is getting a more dangerous place.

Gore: 'clean guy' image tarnished

☐ **Gifts charge:** Mike Espy, a former Agriculture Secretary, has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of taking $35,000 in illegal gifts from firms, it was announced yesterday. He denies the charges. *(Reuters)*

Tussle for memoirs

Washington: Webster Hubbell, the Arkansas lawyer and Clinton confidant who was jailed on Whitewater-related charges, is fighting to prevent special prosecutors seeing his memoirs (Bronwen Maddox writes).

Kenneth Starr, head of the three-year investigation into the Whitewater saga, has slapped a wide-ranging subpoena on Hubbell's publishers to win access to the manuscript. Hubbell's lawyers, who say they "have never seen a subpoena this broad", claim it would give Mr Starr the right to "each page of each draft as it comes out of the word processor".

Hubbell's publishers, William Morrow, say that the book, due out early next year, will be an account of his "life in politics, his friendships and associations with President Bill and Hillary Clinton".

Choe Hae Ok, star of the *Flower Maiden*, directed by the North Korean leader

Face that won a dictator's heart

THIS is the woman who charmed one of the most dangerous men in the world.

Choe Hae Ok, a gifted North Korean actress who defected with her husband to the United States, may have been a former mistress of the North Korean dictator, Kim Jong Il, it was claimed in Seoul last night. Mr Kim's taste for young actresses is well documented. "Choe was almost always invited to Kim Jong Il's weekend parties and it was known that she was his favourite", said Shin Yong Hee, a former colleague and confidant of Choe.

Choe Hae Ok, now in her forties, was given a starring role in *Flower Maiden*, an operetta produced and directed by the stage-struck Mr Kim. Her relationship with the son and heir of the Great Leader is rumoured to have speeded her husband's ascent to the position of Deputy Foreign Minister, followed by an ambassadorship in Cairo.

North Koreans break off talks after defections

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

NORTH KOREA cancelled talks with the United States on missile proliferation yesterday after the defection of a senior diplomat thought to possess knowledge of its arms sales in the Middle East.

Li Gun, North Korea's Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations, denounced defectors as "criminals" and said Washington's decision to offer them political asylum was a "grave insult" to Pyongyang.

Washington announced on Tuesday that Jang Seung Il, North Korea's Ambassador to Egypt, had defected with his brother and their families. He is believed to possess knowledge of Pyongyang's missile sales to Egypt, Syria and Iran. The defectors included his wife, Choe Hae Ok, and brother, Jang Seung Ho, a diplomat in Paris.

US officials had been scheduled to resume talks with North Korea in New York yesterday, after a three-month break, on the Communist country's production and sale of long-range Scud missiles to what Washington considers "rogue states".

The North Korean team cancelled the meeting when news of the defection broke. "In light of the position taken by the United States in the reported defection of this group of Jangs, we find it does not make sense to resume the missile talks," Mr Li said.

US officials tried to play down the significance of the defections, saying they did not signal the long-feared collapse of the North Korean regime. A White House spokesman called the cancellation of the missile talks "disappointing but not unexpected" and expressed the hope it would not disrupt efforts to negotiate a formal peace to replace the armistice that ended the Korean War.

Mr Li demanded that the defectors be returned to North Korea. "The Jangs' group must be sent back to face our law," he said. "They committed the crime of leaking the secrets of our republic and corruption."

North Korea said the brothers had been sacked last month and had been recalled home for a judicial investigation. A statement in Pyongyang said: "Any individual or authority that conceals or protects the criminals will be considered to have been involved in their crimes."

South Korean analysts say the first defection of an ambassador could prove an acute embarrassment for the North Korean regime. They claim the embassy in Cairo is Pyongyang's nerve centre in the Middle East. US officials have said North Korea can produce 150 Scud missiles a year and has sold 370 missiles to Arab countries.

☐ **Geneva:** North Korea yesterday pulled out of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, after being criticised for its human rights record (Peter Capella writes). It had been a signatory since 1981 and is the first country to pull out of a major international human rights pact.

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Indian tribes go on the warpath over threat to federal funding

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

FROM the turmoil down on Indian reservations, a new Senate Bill risks provoking a rerun of the Battle of Wounded Knee, that famous showdown still seen as a bitter symbol of the encroachment of the white man. Two new Republican proposals threaten to strip away the cherished independence of the 554 Indian tribes in America and nearly half of their $1.7 billion (£1 billion) federal funding.

Republican senators say they have been provoked into pushing for change by the $4 billion in annual revenues which Indian reservations make from gambling. Senator Slade Gorton of Washington state, main promoter of the two clauses, said: "I find nothing in any Indian treaty that says they must be continuously supported by the federal taxpayers."

The only American Indian in the Senate, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, a Colorado Republican, said the measures, stapled to a wide-ranging finance Bill, would be passed "over my dead body".

The Clinton Administration has called the clauses "radical and unjust". But Mr Gorton hopes the Government's desire to see other parts of the Bill passed, including $100 million for the National Endowment for the Arts and $700 million for new national parks, will blunt opposition.

One clause would strip away $767 million in federal funding if tribes, currently deemed to be "sovereign governments", did not waive their immunity to civil lawsuits. Indian chiefs say this overturns their hard-won status as independent regions, granted in the 1970s and 1980s after bitter political fights, and that, given the litigiousness of American society, they would quickly be bankrupt.

Under the second clause, tribes could be denied federal money if their income rose above a certain level. Supporters of Indian gambling are outraged, arguing that casinos have been the most powerful economic development tool for Indian regions, bringing jobs, profit and pride. There are nearly 300 gambling sites run by nearly 180 tribes, including Mohicans, Navajos and Sioux. Small, impoverished tribes argue that Mr Gorton overlooks the fact that only a few tribes shared in the bonanza.

Clinton puts his foot in hole symbol

Bucharest: President Clinton mistook a symbol of resistance during Romania's overthrow of Communism — a national flag with a hole ripped out of the centre — for a poncho.

Writing to thank Petre Roman, the Romanian Senate Speaker, for the gift presented during his visit in July, Mr Clinton wrote of his gratitude "for the flag or poncho", newspapers here reported yesterday.

The gift in fact was one of the national flags, with the Communist red star emblems cut out, that became a rallying symbol of resistance during the 1989 revolution against the Ceaucescu regime.

"I was little suprised when I read the word 'poncho'," Mr Petre said. *(AFP)*

Pesticide ban 'blow to Third World'

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT
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A MOVE to phase out an important ozone-damaging chemical has caused a row between the United Nations Environment Programme and British and US scientists.

The scientists are accusing the UN agency of suppressing key sections of a report which argues that methyl bromide, used as pesticide, cannot be easily or swiftly phased out without wrecking agriculture in the developing world.

Ministers are due to vote at a meeting in Montreal next month on a plan to eliminate the chemical which is used to fumigate soils and processed foods. Methyl bromide is believe to account for a tenth of the destruction of the ozone layer.

The scientists claim the final report has been written to present a false picture on how easy it would be to phase out the chemical. They say the agency has been under pressure from the United States, which has said it will ban methyl bromide in 2001 and is keen to protect its farmers by forcing the rest of the world to follow suit.

The UN report in Montreal will claim that the world can achieve a 75 per cent reduction in the pesticide's use by 2001. But Colin Smith, a member of the committee that wrote the original report who works for the pest control company Rentokil, told *New Scientist*: "This is totally contrary to everything that has been agreed by the experts in the options committee."

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Miners' invasion brings death to Amazon tribe

An influx of armed prospectors is threatening Brazil's primitive Yanomami tribespeople. Report and photographs by **Gabriella Gamini**

A RAGTAG army of at least 6,000 armed gold diggers and diamond hunters have invaded an Amazon rainforest reserve inhabited by Yanomami indians, and are threatening the survival of the region's most primitive and isolated tribe.

Hundreds of Yanomami indians have fallen ill and have had to be airlifted out of the nine million hectare reserve in Brazil's northern state of Roraima as a result of the miners' incursion. The remote jungle region, which lies along the 1,800 mile border with Venezuela, is believed to be rich in unexploited natural resources.

Health workers said a sharp rise in cases of malaria, tuberculosis and pulmonary infections had been detected among the Yanomami indians since gold and diamond prospectors, known as *garimpeiros*, set up makeshift jungle camps which are polluting and spreading disease along ecologically sensitive rivers.

"When *garimpeiros* invade Yanomami lands they plunder their crops, pollute the rivers and shoot any indian who opposes their presence," said Claudio Esteves de Oliveira, one of three doctors, working for an independent, Pro-Yanomami Commission.

"The mining pits dug along the rivers are breeding grounds for the mosquitoes which cause malaria epidemics," he said. "Drunken *garimpeiros* regularly raid the villages to rape the Yanomami girls. We have detected an alarming rise in sexually transmitted diseases, and dread to think what the outcome would be if we started to test for HIV."

Twelve Yanomami indians were killed in confrontations with armed gold diggers this month. Three children under three and ten elderly women died from malnutrition before reaching the hospital in Boa Vista, the capital of Roraima, and the closest city to the 200 or so remote Yanomami villages scattered around the reserve.

"The gold and diamond hunters threaten us with guns and illness. They are killing my people and keep coming into our lands even though the Government promised to keep them out," said Davi Kopenawa Yanomami, a chief, during a meeting of indigenous leaders with Brazilian authorities in Boa Vista.

"Very soon the Yanomami will be no more and the Earth will be destroyed," he said. "My people want to defend the forest from destruction. But the white men have weapons that kill faster than an arrow. The Yanomami cannot fight back against this evil."

The Brazilian Government demarcated a third of the state of Roraima as a "preservation" zone for Yanomami indians in 1991. But its failure to enforce the zone has been criticised by local and international organisations which defend the rights of endangered tribes. According to non-governmental organisations working in the region the situation is now "critical", and if the flow of illegal miners continues the damage could be irreversible.

"We are very concerned that the Brazilian Government has done nothing to remove *garimpeiros* working illegally in the Yanomami area," said Richard Garside, press officer of Survival International in London.

A Yanomami man dressed for the hunt. He is now the quarry for illegal miners

The police and army launched Operation Free Jungle to remove 40,000 *garimpeiros* by force during a gold rush in the early 1990s. But years on the authorities stand by as a new wave of *El Dorado* seekers invade the protected region.

"Its the richest area in the land, full of gold and diamond deposits. Why should the indians have it all," said Pedro de Oliveira, a toothless gold digger, as he bought his supplies of rifle cartridges, shovels, buckets and alcohol in central Boa Vista.

Like thousands of others he is a migrant from exhausted mines in the poor state of Maranhao. Thousands of others come from backwater towns across the border in Venezuela — such as the Wild West style Santa Elena de Uieren — which survive on the illegal diamond trade.

They receive backing from Roraima politicians, feudal style landlords, who rely on the migrants votes and are traditionally anti-preservationist. "Being a friend of the Yanomami is like being a friend of the devil here in Boa Vista. We have to work undercover because there is a price on our heads," said Senhor Esteves de Oliveira.

A £1.7 million fund released by the Government last year for the FUNAI — Brazil's official body for the protection of indigenous groups — to renew operations against illegal mining activity, has mysterioulsy vanished. Some say it was spent by the cash-strapped organisation's headquarters in Brasilia before it ever reached Roraima.

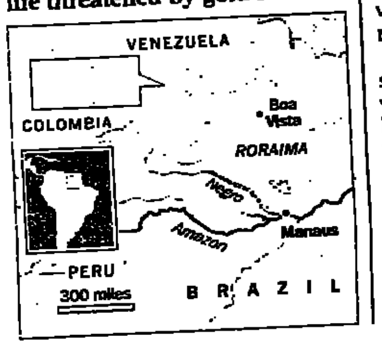
Funai blames the air force for failing to provide the American-made Buffalo aircraft needed to launch the operation to remove the miners. "The Yanomami are suffering terribly from the entry of *garimpeiros* and we want to get them out. But we have not received collaboration from the air force," said Walter Blos, a FUNAI representative who is based in Boa Vista.

A Yanomami girl pounds manioc in her remote village, a way of life threatened by gold fever

Missionaries and health workers who live in the indian villages of Toototobi and Dimini, have reported seeing huge patches of forest being cut down to build clandestine landing strips for the twin-engined planes which bring miners into the jungle. More than 55 *balsas*, or barges, used to drill into riverbeds, have also been spotted in the area.

At least 100,000 Yanomami indians roamed the northern Amazon basin before Spanish colonisers reached the Americas. Just over 22,000 members of the tribe survive according to recent estimates, 9,400 in Brazil and the rest in Venezuelan rainforest.

Health workers, who registered a small rise in their birth rate in 1993-1995 when mining activity was almost eradicated, warn that their population is again dwindling.



Tobacco victory brings lawyers $1bn

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN

LAWYERS who represented the state of Florida in its recent lawsuit against the American tobacco industry could receive $1 billion (£625 million) for their services.

The suit was settled out of court on Sunday, with "Big Tobacco" agreeing to pay the state $11.3 billion as compensation for money spent on treating smoking-related illnesses. The payout also included a large proportion in "punitive damages".

Since they were acting on a "no win, no fee" basis, the 11 law firms which acted for Florida will receive a handsome share of the spoils. Lawton Chiles, the Governor of Florida, has been quick to point out that the settlement does not include lawyers' fees which the tobacco industry will have to pay separately.

Robert Montgomery, one of Florida's attorneys, revealed that the estimate of "at least $1 billion" in lawyers' fees was based on a pre-trial contract which gives lawyers "25 per cent of any settlement, or verdict brought in by a jury".

Although Florida will receive $11.3 billion, not all of that is open to assessment for contingency fees. The proportion treated as "punitive" — that which is in excess of the literal compensation for monies spent on Medicaid — is placed beyond the lawyers' grasp.

The "punitive" element is not, as yet, precisely charted, but is expected to be at least $6.3 billion. That leaves a maximum of $5 billion that will represent compensation, and from which the lawyers can take their cut. Split 11 ways, the firms stand to receive about $91 million each.

Mr Montgomery said: "It sounds like a lot of money. But when you consider the number of hours, the complexity of the case, the uniqueness of the issues litigated, and the expertise required, it really is not that much money."

Before the trial, the lawyers had rejected various options, and went instead for a "25 per cent across-the-board deal".

Mosquitoes bring fear of epidemic to Florida

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

CENTRAL Florida, home to the Disney World resort park, is on a mosquito "red alert" after the area was hit by swarms of insects bearing a potentially deadly strain of encephalitis.

In the last outbreak of the disease to occur in Florida, in 1990, 11 people died and 223 people were taken ill.

As a precaution against being bitten by mosquitoes, residents and visiting tourists are being advised not to venture outside at dawn or dusk, the periods at which the insects are at their most voracious.

Disney World has also discouraged the use of pools after dusk. It is handing out leaflets listing precautions to the thousands of tourists who file through its gates.

Tony Welch, a spokesman for the Florida State Health Department, said that a number of cases of encephalitis, spread by the mosquitoes, had been detected in about 40 chickens. Yesterday, two people in Brevard County, about 60 miles southeast of Orlando, were also also reported to have been tested for the disease.

Dr Jahangir Moini, the county's epidemiologist, said: "We predict we're going to have an outbreak. Right now we have two suspected cases, but they are not confirmed cases."

In an effort to exterminate the disease-bearing mosquitoes, lorries and aircraft will be employed on "a war footing" over the next week, spraying insecticide over a 1,375 square mile area believed to be most at risk.

Residents are being urged to eliminate stagnant water around their homes. They are also being advised to wear long-sleeved clothing at all times. Mosquito repellent has also been described as de rigeur.

Symptoms of encephalitis, which attacks and destroys the body's nervous system, are headaches, a stiff neck, high fever and constant drowsiness. Elderly people are more susceptible to the disease than the young, say doctors. State health officials advised people to go to a doctor "instantly" should they have any of these symptoms.

The proliferation of mosquitoes this year has been ascribed to the heavy rainfall which has hit Florida. Besides, the virus is thought to be cyclical, emerging after gaps of seven to ten tears.

The ground in Central Florida is now saturated, and this helps mosquito eggs to hatch. The eggs can remain dormant for up to seven years.

JAKE SCHOELKOPF / AP

Kim Basinger reads a statement at Rio Grande Zoo in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as part of her campaign to draw attention to the ill-treatment of performing animals in America. The actress took up the cause after an eight-year-old African elephant was found dead from heat exhaustion in its trailer outside a hotel in Albuquerque earlier this month. Two other elephants found alive in the trailer, and eight llamas, have been handed over to city officials as animal cruelty charges are brought against a trainer employed by the Texas-based King Royal Circus.

Kim Basinger in animal plea

"These animals are kept in horrific conditions," said the actress, an animal rights activist. "They're dragged around cities suffering in the name of entertainment."

'Sellout' taunt by Harare minister

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN HARARE

A GOVERNMENT minister stunned a judicial inquiry into fraudulent war disability payments by calling a questioner a "sellout" — guerrilla slang for a collaborator with the former white Government.

The media also interpreted a comment by Joyce Mujuru, the Rural Resources Minister, as a threat to kill the man.

Mrs Mujuru, who as a guerrilla went by the name of Teurai Ropa, or Spill Blood, was testifying on Tuesday, the sixth day of an official enquiry into how $44 million (£27 million) was paid out to bogus claimants.

Some, including President Mugabe's apparently healthy brother-in-law, got up to $80,000 despite dubious combat records in the 1972-80 fight to end white rule.

Mrs Mujuru said she was given $35,000 "by mistake" in the belief she was applying for a business loan, and had since repaid the money.

When Sobhuza Gula-Ndebele, a lawyer and former guerrilla, asked Mrs Mujuru why her former comrades-in-arms signed forms supporting her claim that she had suffered 55 per cent disability as a result of the war, the minister screamed: "You are a sellout. It's as if you are accusing me. If you want to be a hero from this commission you are going to get heroism."

The state-controlled media interpreted her outburst as a reference to Mr Mugabe's custom of declaring dead former guerrillas "National Heroes" and, therefore, an implied threat to kill Mr Gula-Ndebele. Mrs Mujuru survived the bush war "without a scratch".

Up to 90,000 former guerrillas and political detainees claim they are living in near destitution. They have been demonstrating for $50,000 payouts, $180 a month pensions and land. Yesterday the cash-strapped Government said it had agreed to award the veterans a $4,220 one-off payment and a monthly pension.

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Moscow mafia in textbook murder

Russia's underworld has turned its guns on state publishing, writes

Richard Beeston from Moscow

RUSSIA'S publishing industry, for long the preserve of the intelligentsia, appears to have fallen prey to the country's ubiquitous mafia, after details emerged yesterday of the gangland assassination of a successful young publisher.

Although Russians have become used to frequent accounts about the murders of bankers, prominent sportsmen and casino owners, publishers have by and large remained untouched by Russia's mobsters.

That myth was dispelled late on Tuesday when police were called to a residential street in Moscow after the contract killing of Aleksandr Krutik, commercial director of the Drofa publishing house.

Witnesses said the 29-year-old publisher was hit by two rooftop snipers as he left his home in the capital. His bodyguard returned fire with a pistol, but the killers escaped and Mr Krutik died of his wounds as he was being taken to hospital.

Drofa is Russia's leading publisher of educational literature, a hugely profitable industry, given that the Government still pays for the publishing and distribution of textbooks free of charge to the nation's pupils.

The publishing house was due to have given a press conference yesterday when it was expected to announce that it had again won a multi-million-pound contract for publishing textbooks for the next academic year.

Last November Vladimir Veshnyakov, Drofa's deputy director-general, was found shot dead in a car in suburban Moscow. At the time his partner said Veshnyakov should not have moved around the city without a bodyguard, a precaution which did not protect Mr Krutik nine months later.

Police have made no headway in that murder investigation, and judging by their poor track record in solving contract killings it is highly unlikely that any arrests will be made in the latest shooting.

Publishing industry sources said that there were several possible suspects, ranging from rival publishers trying to cut into the lucrative market, to distributors and printers who had not been paid.

Aside from the illicit business of translating and publishing pirated Western bestsellers for the Russian mass market, most commercial publishing in Russia remains largely mafia-free.

"Frankly the profits involved are too small to bother killing somebody for," said one veteran publisher. "The only exception are the contracts for the Government's school textbooks. The publishing and distribution rights are worth hundreds of millions of dollars, and as a result the mafia is heavily involved in every step of the way."

Tuesday's murder happened only a day after President Yeltsin told Yuri Skuratov, the Prosecutor-General, that he was not satisfied with the performance of the law enforcement agencies in their fight against crime.

This month alone St Petersburg has witnessed two high-profile killings. Valeri Mandrykin, vice-president of the Finnish-owned oil company Neste-Sankt-Petersburg, was shot dead. Last week Mikhail Manevich, deputy governor of St Petersburg and a crusading reformer, was killed by a sniper.

In Moscow figures in the sports world have been particular targets. In April, Valentin Sych, the head of Russia's Ice Hockey Federation, was shot dead. His murder was followed in June by that of Larisa Nechayeva, director of Moscow Spartak football club.

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Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist member of the Duma, tears a burger apart at a McDonald's restaurant in Moscow yesterday, saying "this is not real meat" in a protest over the quality of imported goods

Milosevic planning to rein in Plavsic's Bosnia bandwagon

FROM TOM WALKER IN BANJA LUKA

OFFICIALS at Banja Luka's military airport said yesterday that they were preparing for a visit by President Milosevic of Yugoslavia to Republika Srpska — his first trip to Bosnia since the war.

The crisis that threatens to split the Bosnian Serb territory in two now looks certain to evolve into a regional problem. Originally a head-to-head conflict between two Bosnian Serb nationalists, President Plavsic and her predecessor, Radovan Karadzic, Western diplomats are now talking of complicated pan-Yugoslav alliances developing, sucking both Serbia and its Yugoslav Federation sister state, Montenegro, into the equation.

Mrs Plavsic kept a low profile yesterday, choosing not to respond to the vitriol heaped on her by the internationally ostracised Republika Srpska parliament in Pale, Dr Karadzic's mountain hideaway above Sarajevo. Instead, she met with leaders of the Serb Orthodox Church.

Another institution looks set to align itself with the Plavsic camp: she now has the police, most of the army and the Church on her side. Dr Karadzic has his empty rhetoric, given credence by the parts of the state media he still controls — and yesterday there were reports that another state television transmitter, near Doboj, was about to switch allegiance. United Nations sources said last night that shooting had been heard near the Doboj television transmitter. They said the town's police station was guarded by police loyal to Dr Karadzic.

Major Chris Riley, Nato's Stabilisation Force (Sfor) spokesman in Sarajevo, confirmed that permission had been sought for Mr Milosevic to fly into Republika Srpska. Officials at Banja Luka's military airport, Mahovljani, said they were preparing for the visit, and Mr Milosevic's protocol and security advisers were seen in Banja Luka.

Given Mrs Plavsic's enormous gains of the past week, and her well-known hatred of Mr Milosevic and his communist methods, the Yugoslav President will be coming on bended knee. Diplomatic rumours that have funnelled into Banja Luka from Pale talk of a bitter fallout between three men with the international war crimes tribunal in The Hague very much on their minds.

Mr Milosevic, Dr Karadzic and his sidekick, Momcilo Krajisnik, the Serb representative on Bosnia's state presidency, all know too much about one another's wartime roles; the feeling in Banja Luka is that if one goes to The Hague, the two others will surely follow. Mrs Plavsic's anti-corruption train is hastening their ends, unless Mr Milosevic can somehow apply the brakes.

"It's entirely feasible that they're splitting," said one Western diplomat. "Karadzic is desperate to save his skin, and Krajisnik and Milosevic are under incredible pressure from the international community."

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Rescue fiasco as more return to island than go

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN WOODLANDS, MONTSERRAT

BRITISH officials here admitted yesterday that a voluntary evacuation of the island which began on Saturday has not lived up to their expectations.

"We came here expecting a large evacuation that hasn't happened," said Captain David Snelson, who commands the British destroyer *HMS Liverpool* which has been co-ordinating the evacuation. The Royal Navy, which was sent to Montserrat in response to increased fears of a major new eruption of the island's active volcano, may scale down its presence next week, handing over responsibility for the evacuation to the island's police and defence forces.

Since the evacuation began on Saturday, 45 Montserratians have left the island, although British officials say 1,000 people have registered for the scheme. When it was first announced, the British Government said it expected that up to 3,000 Montserratians might leave the island.

Britain is to pay their air fares to the UK as well as social benefits. Islanders who wish to go to other Caribbean islands are also being offered £2,400 in financial aid.

Amid the row between the Government and the island's administration, Bernie Grant, the Labour MP for Tottenham, left yesterday for a private visit in a bid to "break the deadlock".

Mr Grant, chairman of the all-party Parliamentary group on the Caribbean, said: "There is increasing desperation in Montserrat, and this has much to do with difficulties of communication, and a lack of understanding. Being from the region myself, I hope that I will be able to overcome some of these difficulties." He said his aim was to "patch up" the quarrel between the Government and the islanders and he blamed "megaphone diplomacy" for the rift and said some of the remarks by Clare Short, International Development Secretary, had not been very helpful.

The head of Montserrat's local government, David Brandt, has criticised Britain for offering financial incentives to leave the island, rather than offering greater assistance for those who wish to stay. "They are encouraging our citizens by the bait of money to go to foreign countries. We do not want our population depleted to the four winds."

Some Monserratians have returned to the island in recent days. "There seem to be more Montserratians arriving on the ferries than we are evacuating," observed one officer aboard *HMS Liverpool*. "The tide has turned. Although the whole world is saying that we should leave, there are many people here who are determined to stay," said Bennette Roach, editor of the local newspaper, *The Montserrat Reporter*. Mr Roach, who also chairs the National Consultative Group, a private and public sector forum created last week to lobby for the future recovery of the island, said that efforts by the local government to seek international support for the rebuilding of homes and businesses on the "safe zone" northern end of the island, had encouraged more people to stay. "There is new hope now," he said.

But British officials said they would not abandon the programme and were stepping up their efforts to increase the flow of evacuees.

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Kalita Molyneux, nine, hugs family members as she leaves Montserrat — one of the few to evacuate the island

Scotland shivers after big eruptions

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

IF MONTSERRAT blows its top, Scotland can expect to feel the draught.

Two researchers have found that gales blow hardest in Edinburgh in winters after big eruptions. It is assumed to be due to climatic changes that can occur if volcanic material is blown high into the atmosphere.

Dr Alistair Dawson, of Coventry University, and Dr Kieran Hickey, of St Patrick's College in Maynooth, compared weather records with volcanic activity. They picked Edinburgh because its records date back to 1770.

After three of the biggest blasts in history, they found gales in Edinburgh were stronger than usual. Eruptions of two Indonesian volcanoes, Tambora in April 1815 and Krakatoa in August 1883, produced winters in which gales exceeded force 7 for 70 days a year. After Mexico's El Chichón erupted twice in 1982, Edinburgh experienced gales for more than 50 days.

New body to review policy on territories

Kuala Lumpur: Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, has ordered a thorough review of British policy towards dependent territories (David Watts writes).

Speaking shortly after the first meeting of the new multi-ministry task force, he said there had been policy flaws in the handling of the Montserrat crisis. But the fault lay with a failure of communication rather than with policy. That had had the effect of islanders being unaware of the choices available under the British Goverment's relief programme.

The review will extend over the next six months and culminate in a comprehensive new policy to be announced at a dependent territories conference next February. The new policy is expected to result in tailor-made portfolios for each territory.

Mr Cook said the Foreign Office had been distracted by the return of Hong Kong to Chinese control and had been unable to devote the necessary resources to the remaining territories.

Cook: admitted 'flaws'

Remote outposts likely to stay pink on the map

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

SCATTERED across the globe, Britain's 13 dependent territories are all that remain of an empire that once encompassed a quarter of the world. Acquired largely by accident as war booty, shipping stations or chance discoveries, the tiny possessions are among the most remote inhabited places.

Yet as Montserrat has shown, these British dots on the map can still cause political and economic embarrassment. Most are poor, many are in trouble and several are hovering on the verge of viability. All feel they have been neglected by a mother country eager to shirk its imperial legacy. Indeed, in Britain's long colonial history the shabby treatment of these smallest possessions is a sad end to the remarkably peaceful transition of the old empire into a Commonwealth of independent nations.

With the handover of Hong Kong, there are fewer than 200,000 people in all the remaining territories. None is likely to demand independence, yet most are unhappy with their present status. With neither full integration into Britain nor real representative self-government, they are in a curious constitutional limbo.

They rely on Britain for aid, defence and foreign affairs. But while successive Whitehall governments have tried to broaden internal self-government, the British governors, in the end, have the final say.

The sun is unlikely to set on these 13 territories. The oldest and now by far the largest is Bermuda, founded in 1609 and comprising 60,000 people. Five are in the Caribbean: Montserrat, now suffering from the volcanic eruption; Anguilla, the most northerly of the Leeward Islands; the Turks and Caicos Islands, part of the Bahamas chain; the Cayman Islands, an offshore banking centre with a per capital income of $28,500 (£17,800); and the British Virgin islands.

Two territories are virtually uninhabited: the Indian Ocean Territory, which is now important as a naval base for the Americans at Diego Garcia; and British Antarctic Territory, comprising 656,000 square miles inhabited by only 70 researchers. In South Atlantic are also the Falkland Islands, with a population of only 2,100 but an enormous income from fish licensing and a likely bonanza from offshore oil. In addition there is St Helena, suffering high unemployment. Gibraltar is the only territory in Europe, a tiny peninsula of 2.5 square miles with a population of 30,000.

Finally there is Pitcairn, isolated in the South Pacific and famously settled by *Bounty* mutineers. With a population down to 57, it has problems from intermarriage.

Unlike France, which gives its overseas territories parliamentary representation and metropolitan standards of social security, Britain does not guarantee a British standard of living. Some territories — Bermuda and the Falklands — are doing well; others, such as St Helena, are desperately poor.

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Dr Thomas Stuttaford on compulsive disorders in the young; research into CJD; high blood pressure; treating children with HIV; and more good news for drinkers

When an obsession takes over

Doctors on both sides of the Atlantic have been treating children, quite legitimately, with Prozac for several years. It is a safer drug, and quite as effective, as the older anti-depressants. They cannot understand why there has been a furore in the lay press about its use in juveniles.

Faverin, fluvoxamine maleate, is, like Prozac, a 5HT reuptake inhibitor. It was given FDA clearance for the treatment of obsessive compulsive disorders (OCD) in children and adolescents in March this year.

Many people are as unaware of the increasing number of children who are showing signs of depressive illnesses, as they are unconscious of the number of juveniles who have OCD, and they are therefore untreated. In younger children this may be because parents do not know of the condition, whereas older children and adolescents deliberately hide their disturbed behaviour. This concealment is, in itself, very tiring and can make the child's behaviour even more abnormal.

The extent of the problem became obvious in America only after adolescents, and their parents, started to describe symptoms on the Internet. Surveys have put the incidence of OCD in children at at least the same level as childhood diabetes. Before patients started, very bravely, to publicise their obsessional fears, each thought they were alone with their anxieties and ensuing compulsions.

The most common obsessions in children are fear of contamination from "germs" and hence serious illness, fear of intruders, a fixation about lucky and unlucky numbers, and unreasonable doubts about their abilities. The most common compulsions are extravagant handwashing and cleansing rituals, a compelling desire to check, question, arrange, organise and hoard and a variety of touching rituals whether of railings, pavements or doorknobs.

Time consuming rituals can dominate their lives

Patients with OCD, including children, are by nature perfectionists and inflexible, so that they often fail to complete the tasks they set out to achieve. They are hyperconscientious, obsessively preoccupied with detail, are prepared to sacrifice leisure and friendships in pursuit of a goal, and too often allow their lives to be ruled by schedules and lists. Their strict rules of behaviour can erode spontaneous generosity of the spirit, and limit instinctive demonstrations of affection. The time-consuming rituals can dominate patients' lives and reduce their efficiency and pleasure.

Doctors and patients need to decide when a behaviour pattern becomes abnormal. A criterion is whether or not the compulsion interferes with normal life. It would not be thought abnormal, for instance, for a woman to insist on washing her hands before every meal, or for her 16-year-old daughter to spend 20 minutes a day washing her hair, but it would be considered abnormal if her husband felt compelled to wash his hands exactly 100 times a day, thereby making them red and raw, or if another child was invariably late for school as he had to soap himself 63 times precisely each morning in the shower.

We all carry out checks before we go out, and sometimes more than once we make certain that the gas and electricity are turned off. If we did this several times even though the room was in darkness and the gas fire was not alight, this would be abnormal. Some people are so frightened that they might leave water, electricity or gas on that they become housebound.

Distinction, too, has to be made between children who play a game of having to touch every alternate railing, or avoid the cracks between the pavement stones, and those who genuinely expect some terrible disaster if they do not carry out a complicated pavement ritual.

It is not easy to rid children and adolescents of time-consuming ritualistic behaviour, but the first step is to assure them that they are not alone in their troubles.

Juveniles benefit from psychotherapy, which will also help parents and the school to understand the problem. Drug treatment is an important part of therapy, particularly as some children may not respond to behaviour therapy because they may not be sophisticated enough to understand the pressures which may have brought on the OCD. Conversely, a serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) such as Faverin, has been shown to relieve effectively many children's distress, even though they haven't understood the psychodynamics of their problem.

KENT NEWS

Clare Tomkins, a strict vegetarian for the past 12 years, has been stricken with a new strain of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease

The mysteries that still surround CJD

CLARE TOMKINS, who is seriously ill with new-style Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, has been a vegetarian since 1985. The first case of BSE was diagnosed in 1986, but since the incubation period for BSE is at least five years, a certain number of people may have been infected in the late Seventies and early Eighties.

CJD is likely to have a long incubation period, of 20 to 30 years, judging by comparisons made with similar prion-transmitted diseases. There will be occasional cases before and after any epidemic, but their number does not help to predict its size.

Professor John Collinge of St Mary's Hospital, London, said that it is difficult to forecast how many people will develop CJD. It could be a few hundred, but it might be hundreds of thousands.

About half the population has the genetic make-up which could make them vulnerable to CJD. The few cases that have been confirmed so far suggest that young people may be more susceptible. If this is confirmed, it could be because the disease has a shorter incubation period in youth, or because of different dietary habits. Professor Collinge said: "Research so far does not support difference in diet in different age groups as the explanation for the number of young people with new-style CJD."

It is also unknown whether people fall prey because of the overall amount of infected bovine material eaten, or whether a burger binge might deliver the large single dose sufficient to induce an infection.

Exciting new drug stops the pulse racing

As many as one in five people over the age of 30 has high blood pressure, and this proportion increases in older age groups. So the arrival of a new drug, Physiotens (moxonidine), which combats the condition in a new way, is bound to excite interest.

Physiotens is also free of the troublesome side-effects — which include impotence, cold hands and feet, and the possible triggering of attacks of asthma or gout — of existing treatments.

Hypertension, or raised blood pressure, is more common in men than women. It sometimes shows no symptoms in its early stages, and damage can be done without people being aware that their blood pressure is up. If left untreated, it can lead to a heart attack, heart failure or stroke, it can damage the kidneys or affect the retina at the back of the eye.

In the past 30 years treatment, and prevention, of high blood pressure regardless of a person's age has been one of the most important objectives of good general practice. Usually no single cause is found, although occasionally it can be shown to be the result of a hormonal abnormality, kidney damage or the interference of the blood supply to the kidneys.

Sufferers have many characteristics in common. They tend to be overweight, easily stressed and obsessive. In addition, they often have a high cholesterol level. They are also more likely to smoke, take little exercise and be prone to non-insulin-dependent diabetes. The same features are found in someone whose sympathetic nervous system — which controls many of the body's routine operations, such as circulation, digestion and breathing — goes into overdrive.

Physiotens is free of irksome side-effects such as impotence

This overdrive can result in constriction of the peripheral arteries, high blood pressure, enlargement of the heart, raised cholesterol, platelets that are too sticky, and an increased resistance to insulin.

The above conditions may in time lead to irregular or rapid heartbeat, narrowed arteries, heart failure or diabetes. They are all indicators — in most cases, at least — of a modern lifestyle: unhealthy, and full of stress.

Most drugs that are used in the treatment of blood pressure act on the peripheral blood vessels, but do not attempt to influence the control centre in the brain stem, which regulates it. It is a bit like a building whose temperature can be controlled only by opening the windows, rather than by adjusting the central heating.

Physiotens, by contrast, acts centrally. As well as lowering blood pressure, the drug improves other conditions caused by sympathetic overdrive, and reduces insulin resistance.

Clinical data about Physiotens was presented to the European Society of Cardiology in Stockholm earlier this week. Research has shown that, whereas the most commonly used hypotensive drug combinations make diabetes more likely, Physiotens, by contrast, actually reduces incidence of the disorder.

Most people are unlikely to be aware of the concept of insulin resistance, sympathetic overdrive and their links to heart failure, hypertension, renal damage and non-insulin-dependent diabetes. But they might well be attracted to Physiotens once they learn about its lack of effect on peripheral blood vessels — this means that, while taking the treatment, they can enjoy a better sex life, may suffer less from baldness and have warmer extremities than they did with their previous pills.

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Women are less likely than men to suffer from hypertension

New hope for HIV-infected children

THERE has been little research on the best way of treating the two-and-a-half million children throughout the world who have been infected with HIV. In Europe, 6,907 children have been diagnosed as having Aids, about 50 per cent of these cases resulting from mother/child transmission.

This week the European Union approved the use of an anti-viral drug StavudineD4T, marketed as Zerit, as part of combination therapy for the treatment of HIV in children over the age of three months.

Dr Gareth Tudor-Williams, senior lecturer in infectious diseases in the Department of Paediatrics at St Mary's Hospital, London, said: "D4T is available as a liquid and represents a significant addition to the drugs we have at our disposal to combat HIV. In view of D4T's high tolerability and the lack of resistance and cross resistance to other antivirals, together with its ability to penetrate the central nervous system, it is a logical component of combinations of drugs to use in the initial treatment of infected children."

Alcohol prevents leg pain

THE BENEFIT to the coronary arteries of drinking two to four standard glasses of wine a day, or its alcoholic equivalent, is now becoming generally accepted. Hitherto, there has not been the same amount of evidence to support the value of taking a daily drink in retaining a free flow of blood to the limbs.

Many patients with cardiovascular disease suffer from intermittent claudication: this is the technical term for the gripping, stitch-like pain which affects the lower limb when a person takes exercise. Characteristically, the pain goes very quickly once a person is at rest: the pain usually affects the calves, but can involve the thighs or even, rarely, the buttocks.

People with intermittent claudication are worse in cold weather. They may then be observed pausing at regular intervals as they walk down the street, apparently preoccupied with the goods in the shop windows, whereas they are in fact only waiting for the pain in their legs to disappear before they resume their walk.

Researchers in America have studied case histories of 22,000 male doctors. The good news for doctors, and their patients, is that a modest daily intake of alcohol halves the risk of developing intermittent claudication. To be effective the drinks must be taken regularly, those doctors who only had a drink before their Sunday lunch, or at some other single point in the week, had as much intermittent claudication as teetotallers.

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Men behaving barely: Geoff Brown reviews the superb new British comedy, *The Full Monty*, about Sheffield steelworkers who turn themselves into male strippers

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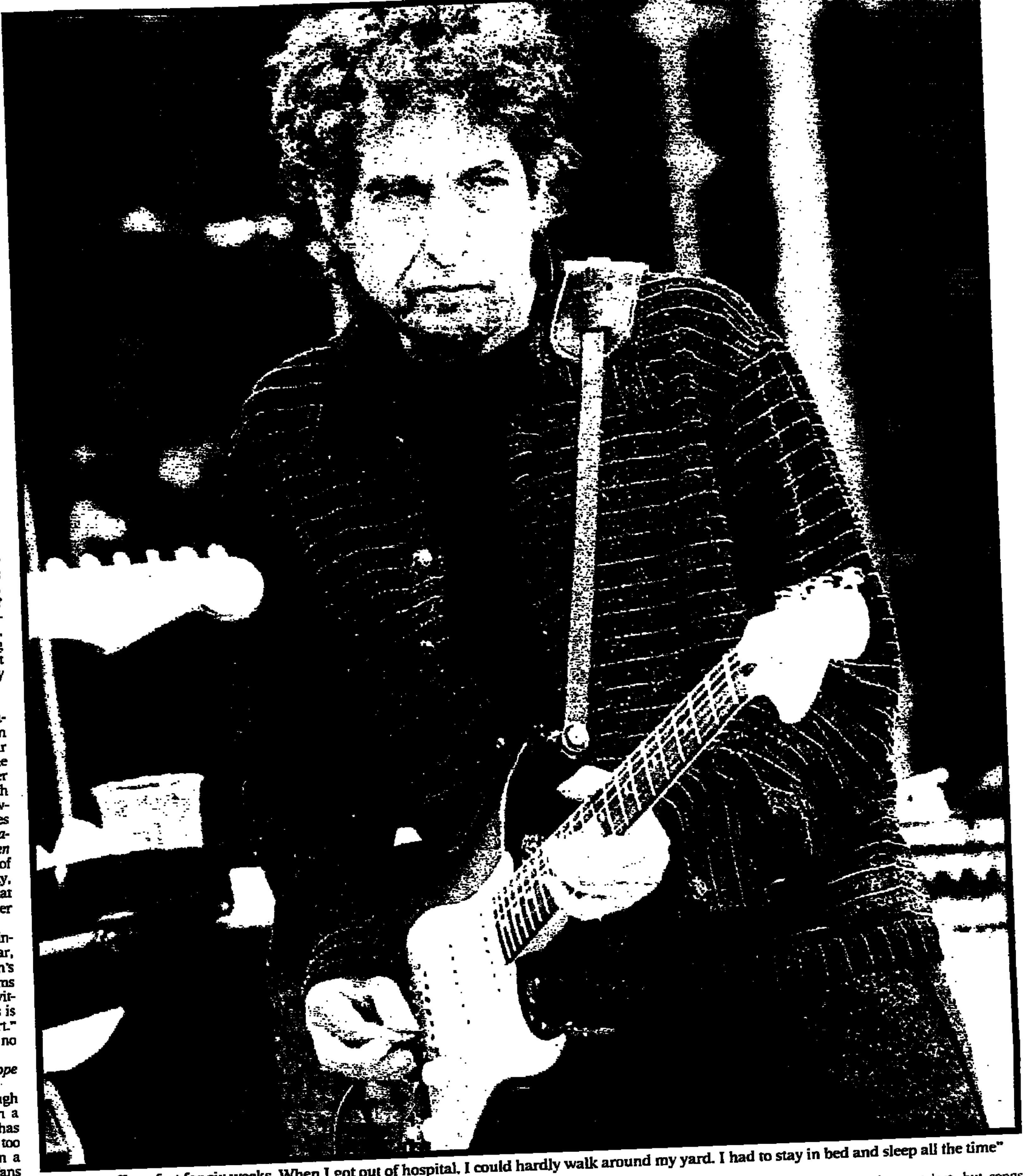
Knocking on the pontiff's door

In his first interview after his near fatal heart disease, Bob Dylan looks forward to meeting the Pope. **Tunku Varadarajan** reports


"I was off my feet for six weeks. When I got out of hospital. I could hardly walk around my yard. I had to stay in bed and sleep all the time"

Elvis Presley hotheads should bury their last delusions. The King is dead. It's official. Bob Dylan has said so.

In the first interview since his "never-ending tour" was derailed last May by histoplasmosis, a potentially fatal heart disease, causing him to cancel concerts in Britain and Ireland, Dylan joked blackly with an interlocutor from *USA Today* about his brush with the afterlife: "I really thought I'd be seeing Elvis soon.

"I was off my feet for six weeks. I was unable to walk around. When I got out of hospital, I could hardly walk around my yard. I had to stay in bed and sleep all the time. I guess it's a slow process of recuperation. There's no way to flush it out. It leaves on its own."

But the histoplasmosis did at last leave, and the 56-year-old singer did not see Elvis. Instead, he will shortly be seeing another great man, the Pope. The Vatican has announced that he will perform before the pontiff on September 27 at the World Eucharist Congress in Bologna. The opaque nature of Dylan's response will not disappoint the legions who still crave for cryptic crumbs from the singer's table: "The Pope, huh? I guess if the Vatican is reporting it, it must be happening."

Monsignor Ernesto Vecchi, head of the organisational committee of the Bologna gig, said: "I believe Bob Dylan has recently moved towards Christianity." Dylan, in fact, has recently moved *away* from the faith, having embraced it in the late Seventies and early Eighties.

His explicit Bible-thumping phase, which gave rise to such musical duds as *Saved*, has now been quietly filed away in the archives. Dylan today embraces a looser, more secular ether-worldliness, far removed from the time when he sang such lines as "Man gave names to all the animals", which had all but die-hard fans reaching for brown paper bags. His Christianity, for them, had a truly awkward flavour. Allied to no particular church or sect, it was nonetheless the sort of fundamentalist anti-Darwin stuff more suited to a rural Mississippi church than to the author of *Blowin' in the Wind*.

But Dylan had recovered completely from his evangelical virus when he was struck down in May by histoplasmosis, a fungal condition that inflames the heart's protective sac. At the time of his illness, he had been firmly on the old road again — inventive, incoherent and oddly demotic. His 41st album, *Time Out of Mind*, was recorded before he was rushed to hospital, and contains almost the first fresh material composed by Dylan since his 1990 album, *Under the Red Sky*. The creative process has clearly been a tortuous one: "Up until I was sick, I was putting songs on, taking songs off," he says. "I didn't know what picture it was forming. When I got sick, I had to let it all go. I spent a lot of time making it, but I haven't really heard it in a few months."

But will the album be any good? Does it matter? Does anyone judge Dylan any more? The answer to all three questions could easily be a simple "no". Early "pirate reviews" on the Internet show some critics underwhelmed, their enthusiasm sparked more by the concept of a new Dylan recording than by its content. There are 12 new songs, with such promising titles — redolent of the "old" Dylan — as *Dirt Road Blues*, *Not Dark Yet*, *Standing in the Doorway* and *Till I Fell in Love With You*.

The Pope: Bologna concert

'The Pope, huh? I guess if the Vatican is reporting it, it must be happening'

Critics complain, however, that Dylan is inaudible; that (most woundingly) his songs have no fire in their belly, that the tracks are overloaded with too many accompanying musicians. There would appear to be some truth in the last allegation, as *Time Out of Mind* features Jim Dickinson, Augie Myers, Duke Robillard and Cyndie Cashdollar. Why?

Dylan himself has sought to explain the clutter: "It's definitely a performance record instead of a poetic literary type of thing. You can feel it rather than think about it."

Hmmm. That's sad: the purest joy of Dylan is to think about the man's words, his encryptions, his double meanings, his argot, his *chiaroscuro*. But still — the man himself is back. Better, fitter, leaner, he has blitzed America since his discharge from hospital after six weeks in bed. Since his comeback concert earlier this month when he played for two hours at the Loon Mountain Ski Resort at Lincoln, New Hampshire, he has performed 16 times at venues across the country.

Dylan, in fact, has been on thrilling "live" form. So much so that the "fans' telegraph" is humming with the belief that he has recovered those entertainer's skills which he misplaced on the road somewhere in the late Seventies.

Dylan's has been a singular life, of course. How many popular musicians can claim to have been suggested for the Nobel Prize for Literature, as Dylan was last year by a group of American professors? Wislawa Szymborska, the Polish poetess, won in the end, and is clearly a deserving laureate. But Dylan would not have been an unworthy choice.

Heavyweight academics have been unstinting in their admiration. The scholar and critic Christopher Ricks has compared him with William Shakespeare, drawing parallels in his lectures between *Measure for Measure* and the song *Seven Curses*. Ricks, Professor of English at Boston University, has gone so far as to say that no one alive uses words better than Dylan does.

Frank Kermode, the distinguished Cambridge scholar, has also described Dylan's songs as "poems": "His poems have to be open, empty, inviting collusion. To write thus is to practise a very modern art." In fact, Dylan himself is in no doubt that he is a poet:

"I'm a poet/I know it/ Hope I don't blow it."

He hasn't blown it, although he has come very close on a number of occasions. He has changed too often, and too often the change has been a wrench, not evolution. Fans have rightly been able to throw his words back at him: *"You used to ride on the chrome horse with/ your diplomat/ Who carried on his shoulder a Siamese cat/ Ain't it hard when you discover that/ He really wasn't where it's at . . ."*

But now his phrasing is clear. He smiles. He sings 15 songs or more, with encores to match. He even — and this is a first — kissed a woman on stage the other night when she evaded the heavies, jumped on stage, and danced close to Dylan during a rumbustious version of *Leopard Skin Pillbox Hat*. All this is a punishing schedule for a man whose heart put him into hospital, sending editors everywhere reaching for their obituaries.

Dylan is wide awake again. The playlists of his concerts are conscious evocations of his earliest albums, of his best music. It is as if his knock on death's gate has reawakened a dormant connection to his finest hours. The lax, meandering performances of old, once thoughtlessly inflicted on long-suffering fans, have given way to shows in which he appears to be aware of time, of limits, of his own mortality even.

The Pope wants to hear Bob Dylan. Hats off to the Pope. But let his clutch of monsignors not attempt to assemble a programme beforehand. It would be a catastrophic idea for them to say: "Your Holiness, Mr Dylan will sing *Tambourine Man* and *Blind Willie McTell*, before moving on to *Stuck Inside of Mobile with the Memphis Blues Again*, with perhaps an encore from his latest album."

Dylan does not work that way. Mercurial to the last, his spirit is unconstant. His failing health may have slowed him down at last, but songs still flow from him, uncharted and unkempt, as if at the beck of a genie in the microphone.

He nearly saw Elvis last month. He will see the Pope next month. Who will he see after that? Himself in a mirror, perhaps, older than he used to be when he was "younger than that now"?

Love, hate and Mary Shelley

A major exhibition in Rome celebrates the turbulent life of Frankenstein's creator. **Richard Owen** reports

In a small side room at the Keats-Shelley Memorial House in the heart of Rome, two Englishwomen who spent their lives yoked in a love-hate relationship gaze at each other eternally from opposite walls: Mary Shelley, author of *Frankenstein* and wife of the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley; and Claire Clairmont, Mary's stepsister, the mistress of Lord Byron and possibly of Shelley as well.

Many of the visitors who make for the pink three-storey house at the foot of the Spanish Steps ignore Mary and Claire — or wonder who they are. They focus instead on the three great male poets whose memorabilia is displayed in the rooms: Shelley, Keats and Byron.

But a third Englishwoman, Catherine Payling, is bringing Mary and Claire "out of the shadows and into the light". They are the subject of a major exhibition mounted by Payling, the museum's new director, to mark the bicentenary of Mary's birth on Saturday.

"You would be astonished how many people ask me who Mary Shelley was," she says. "They've heard of *Frankenstein*, but not of her. You wonder who people think did write it — some Hollywood screen-writer, perhaps."

A Newcastle girl, Payling, 31, worked for a year at the Maritime Museum at Greenwich after graduating from Oxford, then spent three years learning accountancy in the City. She became number two in the finance department of the Royal Opera House, then transferred to the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

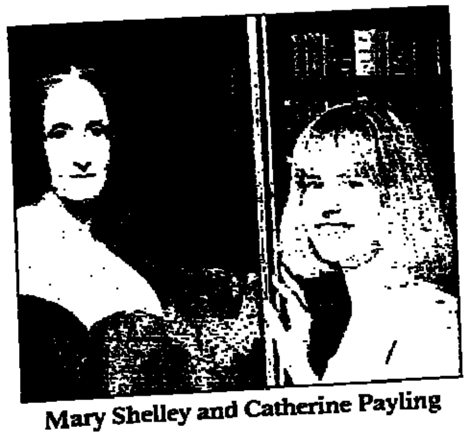
When she applied for the Rome job, she thought she would be "either a highly appropriate candidate or a highly inappropriate one, I wasn't sure which". It was her studies in English literature at Wadham College that drew her to the Romantic poets, and to *Frankenstein*, which she still finds "very powerful". The novel "bursts with ideas about humanity overreaching itself by playing God. It's also about taking responsibility for one's actions, which Victor Frankenstein as a scientist fails to do."

Mary Shelley took many of her ideas from her parents: her mother was Mary Wollstonecraft, author of *Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, while Godwin was author of the libertarian *Inquiry Concerning Political Justice*.

Claire published very little, but was a prolific letter-writer and kept a journal, touched with malice and wit.

The great unanswered question is whether Shelley and Claire were lovers. From the beginning, all three were inseparable. Both girls were 16 when they encountered the 22-year-old Shelley, who had come to see Godwin, whose libertarian ideas he fervently admired. He fell head over heels in love with Mary, an "English Rose". But Claire, the dark-eyed daughter by a previous relationship of Godwin's with the mysterious Mrs Clairmont, was also "bowled over by this fiery young man full of revolutionary Godwinian ideas", Payling notes. Everywhere Shelley and Mary went, Claire went too.

Shelley was already married, but in 1814 he eloped with Mary to the Continent — and Claire came, too. Shelley's first wife Harriet subsequently drowned herself in the Serpentine. Back in England, Claire detached herself from her sister and Shelley long enough to embark on an affair with Byron, by whom she had a child, Allegra.


Mary Shelley and Catherine Payling

Mary and Shelley were married in 1816, and they, Claire and Byron all went to Lake Geneva. But Byron soon tired of Claire, and she returned to the ménage à trois with Mary and Shelley. As the archives in Rome show, the sisters remained close, but they also drove each other up the wall. As Payling remarks: "I'm afraid it's the old adage about two being company and three being a crowd." In her middle age, Mary even wrote of Claire: "Now, I would not go to Paradise with her for a companion. She poisoned my life when young, and still has the faculty of making me more uncomfortable than any human being."

Could a suspicion that Shelley and Claire were a bit too close have prompted this outburst? Mary was often pregnant: she had four children by Shelley. She also had numerous miscarriages. Meanwhile, Claire and Shelley spent a great deal of time together, including a long trip to Venice. It was then Payling believes, that they may have been physically intimate. "I am struck by letters in which Shelley writes to Claire about making arrangements but deliberately excludes his wife."

She says: "I find their lives terribly sad. On the other hand, they had real compensations in that brief time with Shelley and Byron between 1814 and 1822. After all when Shelley drowned, Mary was still only 25, and Claire 24."

The rest was duller: Mary returned to Kentish Town, writing books and creating the Shelley legend by overseeing publication of his collected poems. She died in 1851 and is buried in Bournemouth. Claire went to Russia as a governess, lived in Vienna, Dresden and London, and finally retired to Florence, where she died in genteel poverty in 1879 surviving Mary by nearly three decades, and allegedly keeping Shelley's love letters under lock and key.

Claire never married, allegedly because of Byron, saying her passion for him had "wasted and ruined my heart as if it had been scorched by a thousand lightnings . . . I was the victim of a happy passion which, like all things perfect in its kind, was fleeting. Mine lasted only ten minutes, but those ten minutes have discomposed the rest of my life".

"And this is how I prefer to think of them," says Catherine, "not feuding in old age, but writing, creating, inspiring, Mary as the pretty English rose, and Claire the dark-eyed Southern beauty whose irresistible air of sexual availability swept Byron off his feet. If only for ten minutes."

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The Nordic race and its rejects

Forced sterilisation did not end with Hitler, says **Roger Boyes**

The quest for racial purity, *whether it be at the* hands of concentration camp doctors such as Josef *Mengele, or the barbaric* militia men of the Balkan killing fields, is fundamentally evil. *No doctrine, no amount* of commitment to social engineering, can justify it. We, as a *mixed island race, a stew of* nations, understand this better than most.

Revelations from Scandinavia about the scope of compulsory sterilisation suggest, however, that the fantasy of a perfect racial stereotype is not confined to totalitarian societies. Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland — all *regarded as models of postwar* democracy — selected mentally ill or racially "inferior" *women for compulsory* sterilisation for years.

The movement began after *the First World War and* it is shocking to be reminded how widely accepted were some of the *basic precepts* of Nazi racial ideology. In Switzerland, the French-speaking canton of Vaud sterilised the mentally handicapped under a 1928 law which later served as a *model* for Nazi Germany's own 1933 legislation for the "protection of hereditary health". As in Scandinavia, the Swiss sterilisation continued well into the Second World War. Typically, one young woman, two months pregnant, was recommended for sterilisation in 1944 because she was "feeble-minded, morally weak, idiotic and promiscuous". Denmark's sterilisation law also predated that of the Third Reich. These countries stopped short of the Nazi practice of euthanasia. Even Hitler realised that this would trigger outrage and swaddled his plans in secrecy.

How, after the discrediting of *Nazi eugenics, could* compulsory sterilisation of the racially and socially "inferior" be continued in the developed world? Arguments have been advanced for some kind of *mass sterilisation in the* overpopulated Third World. But even there, sterilisation stumbled *quickly against the limits* of public acceptance. India's programme of the 1970s was a conspicuous *failure*. Now it concentrates on better primary healthcare and better distri*bution of contraceptives.*

The social welfare states of northern Europe were not *faced with such problems of* overpopulation. Their postwar sterilisation programmes *were guided rather* by a kind of arrogance that the ruling Social Democrats knew best how Swedes, Danes or Norwegians should look and how they should behave. The Danish author Peter Hoeg, in his novel *Borderliners*, captures the sense of enveloping secrecy in his country's children's hostels, where those who did *not fit into convenient patterns* were dumped and "socialised".

The *welfare state system,* when it was as complete and thorough as those in Scandinavia, could always find methods of tacit coercion. Hospitals in Sweden refused abortions to women who were not willing to be sterilised. Swedish housing workers were told to list tenants who were unsuitable for procreation. This, in the 1960s and 1970s, when Sweden was offering asylum to Vietnam draft dodgers, puffing on *marijuana joints and* presenting itself as a standard-bearer of freedom. Borstal boys were sterilised before going to summer work camps, lest they fertilise socially acceptable farm girls. Maciej Zaremba, the journalist who has just uncovered *the scope of the* sterilisation programme, has identified a woman who was *sterilised for having poor eye*sight.

Most damning of all was the *Swedish Government's* willingness to sterilise women because they did not conform to *the Aryan image of blonde* hair and blue eyes; women with "gypsy" features were put up for the operation. Compulsory sterilisation did not end until 1976. Altogether, 60,000 Swedish men and women were made infertile. 2,000 Norwegians, 6,000 Danes and thousands more in France, Belgium and Switzerland. Many of the victims can now be expected to claim compensation.

Remarkably, none of Sweden's Social Democratic thinkers seem to have seen anything very wrong in selection or racial "improvement". The Nobel Prize winners Alva and Gunnar Myrdal sympathised with the project and the most *influential* head of the Institute for Racial Biology after the war, Herman Lundborg, was a convinced Social Democrat, not a crypto-Nazi. *Yet his classifications,* appearing again and again in his books, were starkly racialist in tone. *His photographic* captions included: woman of low social status ... racially *mixed ... she was marked* down for sterilisation. And: vagrant man with feminine characteristics. The Nazi cataloguers used almost identical phrases.

Politicians felt they knew how Swedes, Danes or Norwegians should look

Scandinavia has never been immune from racism and Denmark, perhaps out of a misguided sense of tolerance, plays host to neo-Nazi activists banned from Germany. But the root problem has nothing to do with *nostalgia for Hitler*. Rather, it is about ethical confusion, about how science can be used *to smooth the way towards a* perfectable society.

In an era of genetically *enhanced tomatoes and cloned* sheep, it is worth studying the theories which underpinned such *sterilisation pro*grammes. And if there is one lesson from the grisly experiences of northern Europe, it is that controls should be tightened on welfare state administrators. Too much power was vested in doctors, orphanage *directors, social case officers* and probation officials.

The label "New Totalitar*ians" was once applied to the* Swedes. That was a caricature of an essentially benign and generous society which has, in any case, relaxed over the years. But risks still lurk, there and here.

The Prime Minister can handle his party; the real challenge is policy, says **Peter Riddell**

Blair comes back to work — and to earth

Tony Blair will start the second phase of his premiership when *he returns to Downing Street* this morning. The euphoric, Teflon-coated phase is now over. Mr Blair *will have to start delivering on the* promises made, and reviews launched, before the holidays.

Little that has happened during *August* will have any lasting importance: it seldom does. Many holidaymakers could easily have muddled *the activities of Peter Mandelson and* Dodi Fayed. The Millennium Dome sounds a Fayed type of project and Mr Mandelson *enjoys the social* whirl. But however much the silly headlines of August are discounted, the spell has been broken. After three months when *nothing* seemed to go wrong, the Government has begun to make slips and, no less important, has started to face media criticism like its predecessors.

None of this means that the public is yet disillusioned with the Blair Government. The latest MORI poll in *The Times* today, showing a three-point fall in Labour support to 54 per cent, is really just a return to political reality. Labour has a much bigger poll lead than any new administration in recent history. Mr Blair himself continues to enjoy stratospheric personal ratings, far higher than Margaret Thatcher ever had. *The public still has faith in the* Government. That is the rub for Mr Blair. He knows the public's expecta*tions are high — possibly too high.*

In that respect, the message from Downing Street on Tuesday that Mr Blair will *concentrate* on the "big picture" — the priorities of education, health and devolution — is not just public *relations guff, though it is* certainly that. His fate will be determined by these central issues *rather than the August trivia*. The lesson of such squalls is that Ministers need to sharpen up decision-making to avoid the problems such as those over tuition fees for students taking a gap-year. This should mean more emphasis on deliberation, rather than the current mixture of over-centralisation and leaking.

Top of Mr Blair's agenda will, as always, be the economy. In retrospect, the most important news in August may turn out to have been the further rise in interest rates and evidence of a consumer and housing boom. The question is whether the economy will slow down rather than slide sharply into recession next year. Downing Street policymakers are already nervous about the warnings from business of the impact of the *strong pound on exports*. However, having set out his strategy in the Budget, Gordon Brown has ruled out any further action this autumn. The next major statement is due in the spring Budget. Until then, the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee will be responsible for steering the economy, and its priority is *proving its anti-inflation credentials.* So all the Government can do is watch, nervously.

Before he flew off to Cape Cod, the Chancellor said his main focus this autumn would be the comprehensive spending review to re-examine priorities within, and between, departments. This will show how far it is possible to find savings to fund improvements in health, education and other favoured services without raising personal taxes.

So far, the Government has relied on one-off wheezes such as the windfall tax on the utilities and a £1 billion raid on the National Lottery. But these do not provide a long-term answer and, as the Liberal Democrats have pointed out, there are serious short-term pressures in both the NHS and schools.

The *key test will be welfare reform,* where Mr Blair and Mr Brown hope that the extensive measures an*nounced in the Budget to move* people off the dole into training schemes and jobs will eventually result in big *savings*. The Government has not reached conclusions on the extent of changes to social security *— how far it is possible to* integrate the tax and social benefits system and how far to return to a contributory system, as Frank Field, *Minister for* Welfare Reform, has urged.

A related priority is how the Government can improve standards in schools and tackle crime and disorder, where major Bills are due this autumn. In both areas, the question is *not* the objectives, but how ministers can deliver. On schools, David Blunkett and Stephen Byers *have set ambitious targets*, but they are relying on a centralised system of monitoring and inspection. There is a *reluctance to promote* parental choice or competition between taxpayer-funded schools. On health, the Government has so far executed a rhetorical circle: while denying that it is continuing the internal market, *it* has made few changes of substance.

The other big long-term item in Mr *Blair's in-tray is Europe*. Despite all the hype of two months ago, the Amsterdam summit solved very little. *Big questions, on enlargement and* the future structure of the European Union, remain unresolved, while *over the next six months* decisions will have to be taken on the timing and size of monetary union. Britain is unlikely to join *any single currency in* 1999, but Britain, which will hold the presidency of the EU in the first half of 1998, will shortly *have to decide* whether to stand aside or promise to join at some future date.

Mr Blair's *immediate priority* is devolution, with the Scottish vote in a fortnight and the Welsh *ballot* a week later. *The betting* is still that the Government will win both, including the question on "tax-varying" powers *in* Scotland. *But the squalid* row over the affairs of the Labour Party in Paisley after the death of Gordon McMaster not *only overshadowed the start* of the referendum campaign, but has also raised questions about how far the party *in the country* has really changed. That will be tested at the party conference in five weeks, when Mr Blair seeks *approval for proposals* to reduce the scope for the unions and local activists to embarrass a Labour Government.

Underlying all these issues is how far Mr Blair can define a new direction. *He intends what he has* called the "Third Way" to be unlike the tax-and-spend record of past *Labour administrations*, and different also from the approach of the Thatcher and Major Governments. Mr Blair is in a much stronger political position than either his Italian or French counterparts whom he met on holiday. But they — like President Clinton across the Atlantic — face the same *dilemma*: how to reconcile social cohesion with a free-market, global economy. That is Mr Blair's real "big picture".

The Princess and our privacy

The press may need protecting more than Diana does, argues **Magnus Linklater**

I doubt whether Diana, Princess of Wales, is the ideal model *around whom to construct a law* of privacy. Her impassioned interview with *Le Monde* yesterday painted a heartrending picture of a Princess at bay, victimised by a ferocious press, her life in Britain *rendered intolerable by journalists*. "In my position any sane person would have left long ago," she confided. "*But I cannot. I have my* sons."

Moved by her story, the Foreign Secretary, *Robin Cook, spoke up in* her defence, paying gallant tribute to her campaigning work abroad. He *had, he said, "immense admiration"* for her courage. But Mr Cook, I suspect, may not have been wholly objective. *He was, after all, endorsing* a political supporter who had described the Tories as "hopeless". *And he has had his own* domestic problems with the press. His decision *to leave his wife and set* up home with his Commons secretary inevita*bly attracted the* attention of the newspapers, and led to *snatched, albeit inno*cent, pictures of Mr Cook dumping his bin *bags outside his home.*

Neither the Princess nor the Minister are in serious need *of protection, being well-versed in the* ways of the media. Both are experienced in allowing information to be *disseminated when it suits them. In* Diana's case, this has amounted to her co-operation in an entire book *presenting her side of the case* against the Royal Family and her former husband, as well as her participation in the strange ritual that takes place whenever she is pursued by boatloads of the tabloid press. One is never entirely sure on these occasions who is using whom. *It is, I suppose, an invasion of* privacy, but a privacy of a peculiarly public nature.

A better case *might be that of* Victoria Brittain, *The Guardian* journalist who discovered that her privacy had been invaded by an MI5 surveillance operation. Intelligence officers became interested in her activities after they discovered that £250,000 had been deposited in her bank account by the former head of the Ghanaian Security Service. They suspected that the money was being laundered through Libyan intelligence. *Ms Brittain's explanation* was innocent, if a trifle naive. She said she had agreed to accept the deposits in *her account from a long-standing* Ghanaian friend who was suing another newspaper and needed *someone to hold funds to meet legal* expenses. Outraged by MI5's activities, Ms Brittain is now planning legal action.

It may be that MI5 broke its own surveillance rules, and, like the *maverick officers once exposed by the* Spycatcher, Peter Wright, who "bugged and burgled their way *across London*", *were abusing their* powers. But I cannot help feeling that their interest in Ms Brittain was *perfectly legitimate*. There was, it appears, some link with a Libyan *bank and even a sug*gestion — of which she says she has no know*ledge — that the Liby*ans were paying her friend's legal fees. In *those circumstances*, I should have thought MI5 was almost duty-*bound to find out the* truth.

Do editors want judges to create a piecemeal privacy law?

Cases such as these expose the *minefield before us in the shape of the* European Convention on Human Rights, which is due to be incorporated *into domestic legislation*, thus providing Britain with its first privacy laws. It will mean, as John Wadham, the Director of Liberty, pointed out in *The Times* recently, that our fundamental rights exist no longer merely in the silence of the law, but will have a key place in a new constitution. *That, in itself*, will not address the complexity of the privacy issue. Not only is the conven*tion nearly 50 years old*, predating the perils of the telephoto lens, it will need to be supplemented by a Bill of Rights, *framed by Parliament. In the* meantime it will be up to judges to reach their own interpretation of the convention. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, says they will jump at the chance and has predicted an avalanche of landmark civil rights cases. There will, he says, be a judge-created law of privacy whether we like it or not.

This, for any journalist, is a nightmare prospect. The kind of judges who will begin the process are not among the keenest of our legal minds. They will see it as a chance to curb the powers of the press and they will believe that public opinion is on *their side — which it may well be*. But public opinion and zealous judges do not make good law. For every *ordinary citizen whose legitimate* rights are protected, there will be a Robert Maxwell to take advantage of court rulings. The difficulty of framing a law which will protect the innocent, while continuing to expose the potentially guilty, has confronted numerous commissions, committees, and Private Member's Bills from the Royal Commission on the Press in 1949 to the Calcutt Committee in 1990. The Government shrank from Calcutt's recommendation to make press intrusion a criminal offence, and opted instead to introduce a tough new Press Complaints Commission (PCC).

Has it worked? Journalists and editors insist that it has, citing the number of cases dealt with, the stern *judgments issued, the general decline* in the tally of serious complaints. They point out that there is now a tougher code of conduct which *every* journalist is said to carry in his wallet (I have yet to meet one who does). It outlaws intrusive photography, invasion of private property, identifying children and gaining entry by fraud. That, they say, provides *the guide*lines within which all investigative journalism is now conducted — always recognising, *of course, that* there is a defence of "public interest" which permits all of the above at the *simple behest of an editor*. That defence covers a multitude of sins. It means, for instance, that while the *police have to secure approval from* a High Court judge before they bug a telephone, a journalist can listen in to a call *without approval, provided, of* course, he can demonstrate that his story is in the public interest. And it *means that anyone who becomes* caught up in a socially controversial issue is considered fair game.

William Zachs, the gay *father* of a surrogate child in Edinburgh, took the *Scottish Daily Mail* to the PCC *recently after they had broken* Clause 4 (Privacy) of the code by giving details of his private life, taking *pictures of his home, revealing* his address and naming the child. He told me that he had grown used to *smuggling his baby daughter out of* the back door, but felt that naming her in public was one intrusion too far. *The commission admitted that* the clause had been broken, conceded that privacy had been illegitimately *invaded, and said that "publication* was not within the spirit of the Code". But *overall* (their italics), it concluded, *the newspaper could not* be censured because it was a legitimate story in the public domain.

Diana as she wishes to be seen: hugging a dying child in Lahore

This kind of routine activity by newspapers, little reported *and less notorious than packs* of reporters pursuing Princess Diana, requires the media itself to *face up to the issue. Lord Irvine* recently posed the question of whether editors would prefer a law of privacy *enacted by Parliament, or one created* piecemeal by judges. There is no doubt of the answer. A carefully framed Bill *incorporating the principles of the* code of conduct, taken alongside measures *that* journalists want, such as a reform of the defamation laws and a Freedom of Information Act, would provide a better guarantee of press freedom than a series of rulings from the bench.

We have reached, *in short*, a point where the media itself, far from campaigning against a law of privacy, would be better advised to begin framing it themselves. If they do not, there is no lack of others ready and *willing to do it for them.*

Dog days

ALAN CLARK has been hounding John Birt. The BBC Director-General has been on the receiving end of an excoriating attack from the old bounder, who is refusing to co-operate with the corporation. This is unfortunate, as much for Clark as the Beeb, because one of the projects he is refusing to get involved in is the massive publicity drive for his own four-part history of the Conservative Party, which begins in a fortnight.

The bone of contention is Clark's summons to appear before Folkestone magistrates next Monday after an incident in which his rottweiler, Hannah, locked *her* jaws onto the hand of a BBC cameraman. This occurred in a *confusing scrum* at Clark's Saltwood Castle the day after he was selected to fight Kensington *and Chelsea for the Tories.*

Clark has written a typically colourful letter to Birt claiming that it is "*monstrous*" that he *cannot* prevail upon an employee to call off the lawyers and threatening to sever his relations with the BBC. Birt has remained unmoved and Clark is stubbornly refusing to do the usual rounds of interviews that accompany *a four-hour* flagship series. "Even *Radio Times* has been snubbed," says a Beeb insider. "*It's so strange. By not* publicising the series he is cutting off his nose to spite his face."

Clark is locked away still trying to finish the book to accompany the series and is unavailable, so we will *just have to wait until after the* court case to see if he softens.

Reggie recalls

CHERISHED above all other memories by the convicted killer Reggie Kray, 63, is that of eating sandwiches on Judy Garland's dining-room floor while she sang songs from *The Wizard of Oz.*

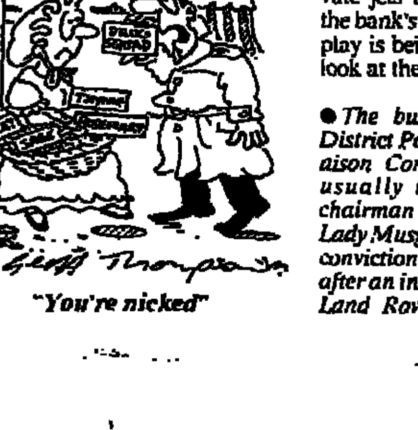
Kray, currently serving a 30-year sentence for the murder of Jack "the Hat" McVitie, has been recalling a party at Garland's Chelsea home in the late Sixties, where the guests included the playwright Lionel Bart. "When everyone departed, *Judy* suggested we stay and enjoy some sandwiches and gin and tonics while we sat in the middle of the floor," Kray writes in *The Stage*. Of particular poignance, the murderer remembers, was Garland's rendition of *Over the Rainbow*. "My mother Violet, who died in 1983, also sang this song. I think to myself: 'I'm sure they're both somewhere over the rainbow'."

Loyal fan

A DUTCH woman called Winnifred calls to say that she is a former girlfriend of Dodi Fayed and everyone has got him all wrong. "The *person behind this rich playboy* image is someone to respect," she says. Dodi should be seen not so *much as a member of the* international jet-set with more former girlfriends than Warren Beatty, but as a gentle and kindly Samaritan.

"He is a generous man and very sensitive. If he saw someone with *no money* he always stepped in. He once saw a girl standing by herself by the road hitchhiking and he said he was just going to pick her up to make sure she was all right. Then all these other people appeared, but he took them as well. My memories of him are very positive." I am delighted to put the record straight.

● *Diana, Princess of Wales, says she would have left the country ages ago if it wasn't for her sons. If she needs a hideaway within Harrods helicopter commuting distance of them she should feel at home at Balnagowan, the castle in Ross-shire which Mohamed Al Fayed bought 25 years ago and painted pink. The Princess is descended, through her grandmother, Cynthia, Countess Spencer, from the 6th Earl of Ross, who built the castle in the 14th century.*

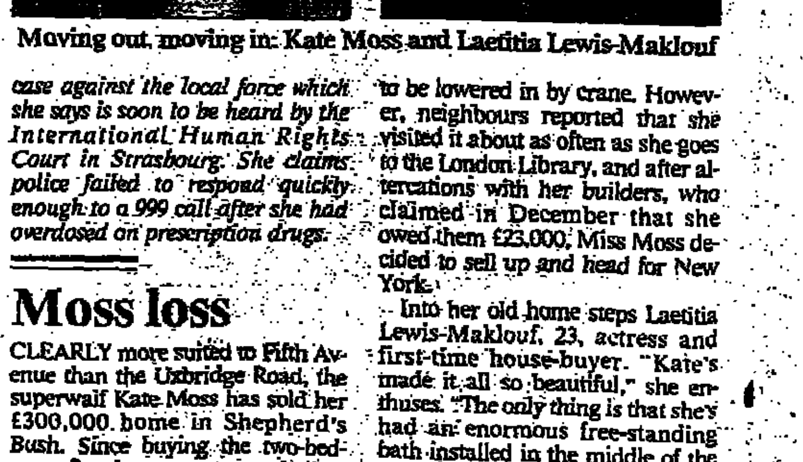


"You're nicked"

Bank role

BEFORE tackling the role of Charles de Gaulle on film the proboscidean actor Gerard Depardieu is to return to the stage for the first time in years. He is to appear in an unlikely-sounding play called *Les Portes du Ciel (The Gates of Heaven)*, by Jacques Attali. Attali once worked as President Mitterrand's personal adviser before becoming notorious as the president of the European Bank for Reconstruction, where his enthusiasm for private jets and Venetian marble at the bank's HQ cost him his job. The play is being billed as "a poignant look at the tragedy of power".

● *The business of the Fareham District Police and Community Liaison Committee may prove unusually interesting. The new chairman of the committee is one Lady Musgrave, who not only has a conviction for criminal damage, after an incident involving a lover's Land Rover, but has brought a case against the local force which she says is soon to be heard by the International Human Rights Court in Strasbourg. She claims police failed to respond quickly enough to a 999 call after she had overdosed on prescription drugs.*



Moving out, moving in: Kate Moss and Laetitia Lewis-Maklouf

Moss loss

CLEARLY more suited to Fifth Avenue than the Uxbridge Road, the superwaif Kate Moss has sold her £300,000 home in Shepherd's Bush. Since buying the two-bedroom flat three years ago, she has spent £100,000 revamping it, installing a steel staircase which had to be lowered in by crane. However, neighbours reported that she visited it about as often as she goes to the London Library, and after altercations with her builders, who claimed in December that she owed them £23,000, Miss Moss decided to sell up and head for New York.

Into her old home steps Laetitia Lewis-Maklouf, 23, actress and first-time house-buyer. "Kate's made it all so beautiful," she enthuses. "The only thing is that she's had an enormous free-standing bath installed in the middle of the bedroom."

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LOUSE UPON A WHEEL

Do not make a martyr of the MI5 man who sold secrets

A former MI5 agent, David Shayler, has earned his 15 minutes of infamy with a series of allegations about the intelligence agency he once served. It reflects no credit on the security service that it ever recruited him — even during a time when, quite properly, it was attempting to broaden the experience and range of its candidates. Mr Shayler had already provided ample evidence of his own untrustworthiness and unsuitability for intelligence work. It is the agency's failure to see this which will damage it most.

In every other respect his revelations and criticisms are either obvious, misleading or inconsequential. There will be an understandable clamour to see him prosecuted; but the recipient of his broken confidences was a newspaper and not the KGB. Care should be taken before wielding an instrument as blunt as the law, which could as easily compound the damage done as allow an example to be made.

Mr Shayler has used his conscience as a convenient excuse for his actions. He claims to have been motivated by anger at the agency's inefficiency and determination to see it reformed. These are risible excuses for a venal action. Was the best way of bringing matters to the attention of the relevant authorities really to negotiate a deal with *The Mail on Sunday*? Was that the only effective way of alerting Jack Straw? Is it necessary to plan to publish a book to underline the point?

Morally, Mr Shayler stands on the shakiest of ground and in the most dubious of company. Legally, there is a *prima facie* case for prosecution under the Official Secrets Act. Prosecution may, however, be unwise. Scotland Yard has a duty to investigate but the decision on whether prosecution is in the national interest rests with the Attorney-General, John Morris. It is an awkward test for the new Government. If Mr Shayler is not pursued through the courts, a signal may be sent to other agents denied promotion that a lucrative future in publishing awaits. The unhappy consequences for the SAS of a stream of "inside" accounts stands as a warning. But the consequences of breaking Mr Shayler like a louse upon a wheel could be unhappier still.

The example of Sir Robert Armstrong admitting to being "economical with the truth" in an Australian courtroom during the *Spycatcher* trial will incline civil servants to advise against more dirty linen being washed in front of the public gallery. A court case could become a book-selling circus for Mr Shayler. It could also expose the agency's representatives to a public cross-examination which would be keenly followed in Belfast and Beirut. The deterrent effect is, in any case, probably minimal. Anyone intelligent enough to work at a senior level in MI5 will know the money to be made from betrayal. They are constrained not by the threat of the courts but duty to the realm.

Establishing that agents have a sense of duty, so conspicuously absent in Mr Shayler's case, is the job of the vetters. The appropriate method for politicians to make their views known of this vetting failure is through the recently-constituted Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliament. The committee's powers to call for people and papers are wide-ranging. Its members will be able to judge Mr Shayler's allegation that the agency is crippled by bureaucracy. They should be able to consider the appropriateness of monitoring subversion in the light of the real Cold War threat and the successful penetration of British institutions by fellow travellers. They should also be able to judge maturely if it is bureaucracy alone that allowed the IRA to operate on the British mainland. The available evidence suggests that answering those questions may not take too long. Time may then properly be devoted to asking how best to balance more broadly-based recruitment with a commitment to confidentiality.

UNCONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT

A Korean joker to bolster a weak American hand

Jang Seung Gil, North Korea's ambassador to Egypt, is not the most senior member of the regime to have defected. Formally, he is outranked by Hwang Jang Yop, the veteran ideologue and "number 24" in the party hierarchy who is now mystifying debriefers in Seoul. But in terms of the current intelligence likely to be in his possession, Mr Jang is by far the most important source ever to escape to America.

Mr Hwang is now thought to have been marginalised from the regime's inner circles for some years. Mr Jang, by contrast, was not only close to Kim Jong Il by virtue of his marriage to one of the "dear leader's" favourite actresses, but had a pivotal role in the most internationally sensitive area of North Korean policy, its secretive exports of ballistic missiles to the Middle East.

Mr Jang was vice-foreign minister in charge of the Middle East before becoming ambassador to the country which North Korea has made its headquarters in the region. He may not be able to shed much light on the reasons for Kim Jong Il's mysterious failure, more than three years after his father's death, to be named to the positions of President and chairman of the ruling Workers Party. But on the proliferation of these extremely destabilising weapons and weapons technologies, of which North Korea is believed by the CIA to be the key supplier to Iran, Libya, Iraq and Syria as well as Egypt, he should possess detailed information of great strategic importance.

The Clinton Administration might have been expected to be pleased by this. Instead, in a now traditional attempt to save one of the world's ugliest faces, it stressed that Washington read into this defection no symptoms of political disarray in Pyongyang. There was, the State Department insisted, no reason why it should stop either of two scheduled sets of negotiations, on missile proliferation and the four-party Korean peace talks.

Not for the first time, America received no reward for its care. North Korea pulled out of the missile talks yesterday as they were about to start — and, in an added gesture of defiance, announced that it was withdrawing from the UN Covenant on Civil and Political Rights following criticism of its practice of detaining huge numbers of its people in concentration camps.

The first decision should be read as confirmation that Mr Jang is in a position to furnish the US with evidence that North Korea has no intention of facing. The second bit of political theatre is consistent with North Korea's truculent attitude to the contacts with the outside world forced upon it by economic crisis and life-threatening food shortages. On past form, the US will shrug, keep trying for peace talks and keep food aid flowing despite North Korea's refusal to permit proper foreign monitoring of what happens to it.

Pyongyang gets away with conduct that would not be tolerated in others for one reason — the threat this unpredictable regime poses to security in Asia. US policy is dominated by two fears — of a nuclear-armed North Korea, and of an Armageddon staged by rulers who, sensing their grip on power weakened by domestic disaster, could plunge the peninsula into war. North Korea understands this perfectly and tweaks US and South Korean nerves. Military parades pledge loyalty to the regime "in the spirit of human bombs and suicidal attack"; military pinpricks punctuate each insincere nod in the direction of talks. With menaces it demands food aid: and by feeding the starving, the West frees funds for North Korea to spend on developing a new 3,500-kilometre range missile, the Taepodong, to add to the arsenal sold to the West's enemies.

The one gain is the halting of nuclear proliferation if, as the US believes, North Korea is keeping the bargain so expensively struck by the West. But Washington must hope that Mr Jang can help it check the ballistic missiles programme as well; for it is these weapons above all that make North Korea the most dangerous country on earth.

UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY

Libya is still best left to the lion and the lizard

Libya scarcely flaunts itself as a holiday destination. Jealously governed by a dictatorship, subject to UN sanctions and with all diplomatic links severed with the West, it is a notorious sponsor of international terrorism. Yet this pariah state is now investigating possibilities of opening up its borders to tourism. A London firm of consultants has been approached for advice.

Its classical ruins and desert landscapes are an archaeologist's delight, from the magnificent Roman remains at Leptis Magna and Sabratha to the imposing Greek sites at Cyrenia and Apollonia. These have been protected from erosion by long entombment in dry desert sands and are, as yet, unravaged by the tourist trade. Indeed, many ruins have only recently been discovered. The Roman villa at Silene, for instance, was excavated a mere ten years ago.

Even more ancient are the wondrous cave paintings of the Acacus mountains — thought to be some 10,000 years old — and more abundant and more lovely even than the murals which millions of film goers admired in *The English Patient*. Anthony Minghella's hit has whetted the taste for desert lands. But cultural travellers should be aware that Libya is an inhospitable state.

Visas can take several months to obtain. Travel between sites can take many days. Internal flights are not advisable; embargoes on the import of spare aircraft parts make the national airline untrustworthy. And in medical or other emergencies, getting out of Libya quickly is extremely difficult. UN sanctions prohibit any international flights.

Colonel Gaddafi, long indifferent to world opinion, is seeking to diversify the oil-based economy of his country. But it will take radical changes in the political climate before the average sun-seeker is basking along Libya's Mediterranean coastline. This is a restrictive state. Harsh penalties are imposed on those drinking alcohol, dressing too scantily or wielding a camera injudiciously.

Those who yearn to see Libya's cultural heritage should be patient. All but the most desperate or determined should wait another few years before they visit. The duration of the current regime is as nothing compared to the antiquity of these sites.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Montserrat lesson for Government

From Mr David Taylor

Sir, The confusion which continues to characterise the British Government's handling of the Montserrat situation (leading articles, August 21, 25) is sadly a reflection of the extent to which the small remaining Caribbean Dependent Territories have become marginalised in government planning and thinking. They only become of concern to British governments of both parties when they cause embarrassment to ministers. For the rest of the time they are neither very well run nor very well resourced.

I was Governor of Montserrat from 1990 to 1993. The people of Montserrat, like those of the other Caribbean Dependent Territories, have wished to remain British partly because their island is of doubtful viability as an independent unit but also because they recognise the limitations of their own elected Government and they look, not unreasonably, to the British Government to be particularly focused, generous and concerned in its assistance to them in time of trial.

In the event the Montserratians do not seem to have been well served either by their own Government or ours. Their own Government has over the two years since the volcano began to erupt been indecisive and vacillating in exercising the large measure of responsibility devolved to it since the 1960s. Both Governments seem to have had difficulty in deciding whether they are dealing with a short-term emergency or a long-development problem, producing inevitable delays in the delivery of aid.

The Montserratian politicians have been reluctant to recognise that they may have to abandon their fiefdom while the British Government has been reluctant to impose its will by, for example, suspending the Constitution to speed up the decision-making process. Alas, it seems to have needed the deaths in June (report, "Volcano islanders fear new eruption as toll rises to 23", June 30) to bring home both the gravity and urgency of the situation.

The division of responsibility between the newly named Department for International Development and the Foreign Office since May has not helped, and the interdepartmental group (report, August 26) should have been set up long ago by the previous Government (as was done for the rehabilitation of the Falklands, in which I was also involved). It is hardly surprising that Montserrat's third Chief Minister in two years, David Brandt, a highly political and able man, should make the demands which Clare Short finds so unrealistic. It took the Falklands War to change 150 years of benign neglect there.

If Montserrat is to continue as a community it can scarcely do so without an airport, adequate and safe medical services, sufficient good housing and supporting infrastructure. If the island has to be abandoned, then the response by way of funds for travel and resettlement must also be generous.

Montserrat has been a lesson in dependent territories administration which this new Government would do well to take seriously.

Yours etc,
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August 26.

Mir words

From Mr P. B. Soul

Sir, Asserting that an object in orbit is "essentially weightless", Mr M. R. Carter (letter, August 20) challenges the use of "weight" for "mass" in a report about Mir (August 15).

My guess is that your reporter chose the word weight to suit a general rather than scientific readership — not everyone appreciates the precise meaning of mass (ie. the amount of matter in an object).

In fact a spacecraft in orbit is far from weightless, for it is weight (ie, the force of gravity on it) that keeps it there and prevents it from literally flying off at a tangent into space.

The same applies to astronauts of course. The reason they *feel* weightless is simply that nothing is physically supporting their weight. Like Mir itself they are falling freely, but around the Earth instead of towards it.

Yours faithfully,
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August 21.

Musical desert?

From Mr Robert Ellerby

Sir, *Be Here Now*? I was there then, when in the same space of time as Oasis have taken to produce three, The Beatles had released seven quality albums. *D'You Know What I Mean?*

Yours faithfully,
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MI5 surveillance and need to review secret service role

From the Director of Liberty

Sir, The surveillance by MI5 of Jack Straw, now the Home Secretary, and of Peter Mandelson and others in the 1970s raises real concerns (reports, August 25, 26). Liberty, then the National Council for Civil Liberties, was subject to similar surveillance by MI5, as you also reported, and as a result of our complaint to the European Commission on Human Rights on behalf of Patricia Hewitt and Harriet Harman, the Government brought forward the Security Service Act 1989 which imposed the first elements of legal control over MI5.

Although the above examples are from some time ago both the controls in the 1989 Act and those in the subsequent legislation remain inadequate. The committee of parliamentarians set up to oversee all the secret services is hampered by being prevented from considering "operational" matters. The complaints mechanism, which was also set up by the legislation, works in secret; does not allow the complainant to see any of the documents, evidence or suspicions; can in effect only rule against MI5 if its decision to bug and tap was "perverse"; and cannot give reasons for its decisions. Since its creation it has never upheld a single complaint.

Stronger statutory controls on surveillance are necessary because of the absence of any general right to privacy which, if it existed, would provide some protection. The incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law will provide such a general right.

Unfortunately the convention itself is inadequate, providing for very wide limitations on the right to privacy in "national security" cases. What is necessary is an independent review of the role of the secret services and real remedies for those unnecessarily spied on by them.

It is to be hoped that the new Government, which contains so many who were "victims" of MI5 in the past, will see the virtue of these proposals.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr David Winnick, MP for Walsall North (Labour)

Sir, If Mr David Shayler's revelations about some of the activities of MI5 are anywhere near accurate then clearly these matters should be debated in the Commons as soon as possible after its return.

No one can seriously argue that Britain has no need for an organisation dealing with security matters: this would be so even if terrorism, be it from Northern Ireland or the Middle East, were not a danger to our citizens. Domestically, extremist groups, however electorally insignificant, who wish to undermine and destroy the parliamentary and democratic system have no reason to complain about being targeted, and the history of this century tells us what kind of security operations would be employed if they actually held state power.

However, the revelations 12 years ago of a former MI5 official, Ms Cathy Massiter, showed that individuals like Harriet Harman, the present Secretary of State for Social Security, had been targeted, together with Patricia Hewitt, her colleague in the then National Council for Civil Liberties and now a Labour MP herself. And whatever the full truth of the statements by Peter Wright (whose integrity was hardly on the same level as that of Ms Massiter) it is, I think, pretty clear that an element within MI5 was totally out of control in the 1970s and that such officials were far more motivated by political spite and malice against a Labour Government than by carrying out the duties for which they were supposedly employed.

The present intelligence and security committee, established in the last Parliament and now reappointed, is not at all an adequate means of parliamentary scrutiny. Apart from other shortcomings, it reports annually to the Prime Minister and not to Parliament itself. The arguments against a more effective form of parliamentary scrutiny are much the same as were used for years against any form of parliamentary monitoring, prior to the formation of the present committee.

I hope that in Government my party will seriously consider putting into effect what we argued for in opposition.

Yours etc,
DAVID WINNICK,
House of Commons.
August 27.

Greenpeace-BP row

From Mr John V. Mitchell

Sir, The Greenpeace statement (Chris Rose's letter, August 25) that "The problem [of climate change] is not a lack of oil, but that we have too much" deserves challenge.

Proved reserves of *conventional* oil (the type likely to be produced from the Atlantic basin) are by most estimates equivalent to just over 40 years of current world oil consumption. If demand continues to grow at current rates presently known reserves are equivalent to less than 30 years.

If the growth of oil demand is not reversed *before* the growth of supply, more of the demand will be met from the Middle East, which has two thirds of the present conventional oil reserves, and from the conversion of reserves of "unconventional" heavy oil, tar sands, or coal which are indeed large and account for three quarters of the "known fossil-fuel reserves" to which Greenpeace often refers.

Middle East oil will be supplied by governments which are implacably opposed to international agreement to restrict fossil fuel use. Use of the non-conventional reserves will emit 10-20 per cent more carbon to produce liquid fuels equivalent in energy to those produced from conventional oil.

On both counts, stopping exploration for new conventional oil reserves risks damaging the climate rather than protecting it. Protection requires urgent action, but better targeted.

Yours etc,
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From the Director of the Association for the Conservation of Energy

Sir, You are right to praise BP for taking global warming seriously (leading article, August 20). Its chief executive, John Browne, seems to be unique amongst the heads of major companies which purvey the products causing climate change in publicly acknowledging cause and effect. But I wonder whether you are entitled from that evidence to make the assumption that the company is therefore fully committed to energy conservation.

After all, the company shows little evidence of much desire to diversify out of oil — precisely the issue exercising Greenpeace. During the 1980s BP (and Shell too) diversified into ownership of companies selling insulation. Both subsequently sold their interests. Consequently neither can have much commercial interest in reducing the overall consumption of energy. Indeed they retain every incentive to increase demand; it is much easier to retain margins in a growing, rather than a declining market.

The Government's target is to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide — the main gas altering our climate — by 20 per cent on 1990 levels by the year 2010. Speaking in the Commons in June, the Prime Minister said the "single best thing" we can do to achieve this "is to improve energy efficiency".

It is difficult to see how, without major diversification, BP can do much to assist the nation to achieve this objective without seriously damaging its profitability.

Yours faithfully,
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Director, Association for the Conservation of Energy,
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From Mr W. R. Pickering

Sir, What brand of petrol and oil did Greenpeace use for the Zodiac inflatables when boarding BP's oil rig (report, August 20)?

Yours faithfully,
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Children in danger

From Mrs Frances Russell

Sir, Libby Purves is brave to stand up for parents who let their children out to play unsupervised ("Invincible in its innocence", August 27), but she is absolutely right. When children get to a certain age (and that differs with each child) they no longer wish, or need, their parents tagging along with them all the time.

My ten-year-old son would play football from dawn till dusk in all weather if permitted, and I do allow him a bit of personal freedom to go out and play. I don't feel at all guilty, because I trust him and his friends to behave themselves, but I do worry about him, and lecture him continually about the need to be alert about strangers and let me know where he is and to come home on time, and so on.

The parents and families of children who do come to harm at the hands of strangers should not be made to feel guilty on top of their grief. The murder of Thomas Marshall is tragic indeed, but it would be dreadful if such thankfully rare circumstances led to children being kept indoors throughout the holidays and weekends.

In the long term, what message would it give them about the world? That there are absolutely no adults that you can trust?

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Bishops' powers

From Mr David Way

Sir, The office of churchwarden, which can be traced back at least as far as the 13th century and which is of great significance in the development of this country's democratic traditions, is under serious threat.

The draft Churchwardens Measure, which has passed the General Synod, allows (in s.8) a bishop to "suspend" a churchwarden for "any cause" which appears to the bishop to be "good and reasonable"; and, this done, the bishop will then appoint a new churchwarden, his choice being final.

This proposed legislation may be seen in a context in which the bishops seem intent on gathering to themselves all elements of control within the Church — as with glebes, patronages and liturgy, and as proposed for cathedrals.

The old proverb has it that "the more apples the tree beareth, the more she boweth to the folk". But the powers within the Church of England would rather bend farther away from the long history of diversity in unity that is the chief glory of Anglicanism.

The draft measure is stirring up considerable disquiet; it is devoutly to be hoped that the Commons and the Lords, to whom it now passes, will not allow it to go forward.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WAY,
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August 26.

Lifeboat escape

From Mrs Mary E. Stewart

Sir, Your obituary of Captain William McVicar (August 22) recorded his epic journey in a lifeboat to the Brazilian coast after the attack on the *SS Britannia* on March 25, 1941.

I was a civilian passenger on the *Britannia*, which had left Liverpool on March 12, hoping to reach Calcutta in about six weeks' time to take up a position as assistant to the general manager of the India branch of a worldwide drug research company.

Of the *Britannia's* other lifeboats, one, containing about eighty people, was riddled with shrapnel and sank. Another was picked up on the following day by a ship bound for India. Another was taken to Tenerife and the personnel repatriated.

One lifeboat containing 57 people, including myself, was picked up by the *SS Reranga* bound for Buenos Aires on the evening of March 28. On reaching Montevideo those rescued were repatriated, with one exception — myself. My company, who had all but given me up for lost, would not risk another Atlantic crossing.

Travelling by plane and ship I eventually reached India on June 27, 1941.

Yours faithfully,
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August 23.

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Rats in the cistern

From Mr Brian Read

Sir, For the source of the "fat rat" found by Mr Peter Tanner when he lifted the seat of his upstairs loo (letter, August 26) I suggest he interrogates any school-age son or nephew in the household. An ordinary rat would have leapt out of that loo at high speed when the cover was lifted.

Ordinary rats are not "fat". A domesticated pet rat is usually overweight, sluggish and trustful. It is sad that such an animal was flushed away. I suspect that the poor creature, if it has survived, is now desperately seeking food in the darkness of Mr Tanner's house drains.

This is perhaps a case where the RSPCA should have been called in, not Thames Water.

Yours faithfully,
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Tills apart

From Mr Peter Gladstone

Sir, Mr P. M. Barman seems to be surprised that English banknotes are not always immediately available at every counter of Scottish banks (letter, August 26).

If I preferred to leave England with Scottish notes, particularly avoiding £1 coins, I wonder how many English banks would have them at all tills, or any. Can I hear Mr Barman saying "but that's different"?

Yours sincerely,
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Motor madness

From Dr John H. Greensmith

Sir, I see someone's trying to sell the car registration number P5 YCO (Car 97, August 23) for "in excess of £25,000".

The search is really on for someone with more money than sense.

Yours faithfully,
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SOCIAL NEWS

The Queen will visit RAF Halton, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, on Friday. October 31 to mark the 75th Anniversary of the RAF Apprentice Training Scheme.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York, as president, will attend the finals of the Faldo Junior Golf Series at the Forest of Arden Golf Club, Warwickshire, at 3.00: and will open the new Grampian Police Office at Tillydrone, Aberdeen at 7.00.

Luncheon

The Pilgrims

Lord Carrington, KG, CH, President of The Pilgrims, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at the Savoy for a US Senate delegation to the annual meeting of the British-American Parliamentary Group. Lord Merlyn-Rees, leader of the group, Mr Robert Worcester, Chairman of The Pilgrims, Senator Robert Byrd and Senator Ted Stevens also spoke. Among those present were:

The American Ambassador, the Right Rev Dr R D Say, Lord and Lady Inge, Lord and Lady Jopling, Lady Merlyn-Rees, Mr Eric Forth, MP, and Mrs Forth, the Hon Sir Clive Bossom, Sir James Harvie-Watt, Sir Hugh Cubitt, Sir Roy and Lady Denman, Sir Michael Quinlan, Sir Oliver Wright, Lady Moate, Sir Philip Goodhart, Mr Robert Bradike, Senator and Mrs Richard Bryan, Mrs Erma Byrd, Senator and Mrs Thad Cochran, Senator and Mrs Pat Roberts, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and Mr Hutchison, Senator and Mrs Slade Gorton, Senator and Mrs Paul Sarbanes, Col Philip Ruter, Mr Jeff Ennis, MP, and Mrs Ennis, Mr Edward Garnier, QC, MP, Mr Roger Godsiff, MP, Mr John McFall, MP, the Rev Martin Smyth, MP, and Mrs Smyth, Mr James Butler, Mr Peter Barton, Mr and Mrs Robert Sigmon, Mr Richard D'Amato, Mr John Fingleton, Mr Watcyn Lewis, Mr Mitch Rose, Mrs Catherine Stevens and Mr Joe Stewart.

Birthdays today

The Duke of Argyll, 60; Mr M.A. Arthur, diplomat, 47; Sir Kenneth Berrill, economist, 77; the Right Rev J.F.E. Bone, former Bishop of Reading, 67; Sir Ralph Kilner Brown, former High Court judge, 88; Mr John Carlisle, former MP, 55; Sir Cecil Clothier, QC, former chairman, Police Complaints Authority, 78; Miss Imogen Cooper, concert pianist, 48; Lord Cudlipp, 84; Professor Wendy Davies, FBA, historian, 55; Sir Rupert Hart-Davis, author and publisher, 90; Sir Godfrey Hounsfield, FRS, inventor of EMI-scanner, 78; Mr Emlyn Hughes, footballer, 50; General Sir William Jackson, 80; Sir John Kingman, Vice-Chancellor, Bristol University, 58; Dr Joseph Luns, former Secretary-General, Nato, 86; Air Chief Marshal Sir Nigel Maynard, 76; Mr Jamie Osborne, jockey, 30; Sir Christopher Paine, President, Royal Society of Medicine, 62; Sir Thomas Scrivenor, former colonial officer, 89; Mr J.J.L.G. Sheffield, former chairman, Portals, 59; Mr John Shirley-Quirk, bass-baritone, 66; Sir Peter Thornton, civil servant, 80; Professor Roger Williams, hepatologist, 66.

Christopher Harley

A service of thanksgiving for Christopher Harley will be held in Hereford Cathedral at 3.00pm on Friday, October 3.

University news

Oxford

The Peter Beaconsfield Prize 1997 has been awarded to Mr Henry Staines, Wadham College.

Institute of Administrative Management

Advanced Diploma, June 1997

Pass list

F R Amukuma, London: E R Arblaster, Barnsley; A Armstrong, Canada; Au Lai Yee, Hong Kong; Au Wai Chun, Hong Kong: G Balakengatharasivam, Bahrain: A J Bell, Scunthorpe: D R Bell, Newtownards; K M Belshaw, Scunthorpe: K D Brooks, Doncaster; C L Carter, Drighlington: S M Catherines, Worksop: J H Cawood, Leeds: Chan Ming Fai, Hong Kong: Chan Wai Yee, Hong Kong; Chan Yik Hong, Hong Kong: Cheung Yurk Lun, Hong Kong: R Chiu Kam Fai, Hong Kong: R Chui Wing Yim, Hong Kong: K Chu Lai Yee, Hong Kong: Chung Kin Fai, Hong Kong; D Coney, Doncaster: A E Craig, Ballymena: J P Diamond, Bellaghy: E Dickson, Banbridge: M Dornan, Belfast: L M East, Scunthorpe; C Elson, Winchester; G Everitt, Hatfield: D C Fernandez, Malaysia: Fong Shuk Wa, Hong Kong: F Fong Wai Ha, Hong Kong: J Garner, Doncaster: J E Gartshore, Loughborough: Goh Lai Shin, Malaysia: Goh Mei Foong, Malaysia: A M Gosnell, Braddan.

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Big-game hunter won awards for saving animals' lives

Indian veteran's trophies go on sale

By John Shaw

Major Vernon-Betts with an Indian bear, a big-game trophy he shot in the 30s

The major with a tiger he shot after a district commissioner had wounded it on an earlier shoot

BIG game is shot with a camera on safari luxury now, but in Richard Vernon-Betts's day it was hunted on foot in the Indian jungle. He was one of the old-style big-game hunters who adapted his knowledge of nature to urban life after the war and became an RSPCA inspector in Cornwall.

Major Vernon-Betts died aged 82 at his home near Halstead, Essex in May and now three of his tiger skin trophies together with a library of 2,500 books on every aspect of field sports are to go on sale in a £30,000 auction at Vosts in Newmarket, Suffolk, on September 25.

Hundreds of titles like *Tent Life in Tiger Land* by the Hon James Ingham, *Hunting in the Himalayas*, or *The Gun at Home and Abroad* (four vols 1912-15) give off a pungent whiff of empire.

John Vost, managing director of the firm, said: "He was obviously a good shot and in those days you could rent blocks of jungle, often up to 100 square miles. He shot tiger, panther and crocodile but many of these animals would prey on villagers and livestock so it was a way of keeping things in balance.

"Big-game hunting gives off an echo of the past but, like a lot of true field sports enthusiasts, he was a man fascinated by nature in all its forms. There are books here about birds and butterflies in Britain."

Vernon-Betts was born in Murree, Northern Punjab, the son of a senior officer in the Indian Medical Service. He was educated in England and after leaving Sandhurst in 1932 returned to India with the Cheshire Regiment. He later joined two Gurkha units and was based at Landi Kotal at the southern end of the Khyber Pass on the North West Frontier.

Even Christmas in hospital there had its compensations. "My companion in misfortune knew lots of people in Peshawar who came to see him and we all drank lots of champagne. All things considered, I quite enjoyed myself," he wrote home in January 1938.

But he was soon in pursuit of big-game and describes being "suddenly and silently" confronted by a panther in the jungle and slowly reaching for his rifle. "It is simply amazing how one's heart revs up when the animal arrives," he wrote. "My pulse must have jumped from its usual 60-ish to well up over the 100s. I knew it would happen and was prepared for it, but I'm damned if I could stop it! I got him in one shot, base of the neck, left side as he was three quarters on. Dropped in his tracks."

In addition to the panther he shot a spotted deer, a black buck, a sambar stag and two crocodiles, one 6ft 4in long, the other 5ft 5in long, all between January 10 and 26.

But after the war and the advent of Indian independence in 1947 he returned to England, met his wife at a dance in Sussex, and they married in 1949. Major Vernon-Betts then joined the RSPCA and the couple moved to Cornwall.

The society awarded him its bronze medal and bar for two dog rescues in September 1961, one down a mine shaft at St Just, the other down cliffs near Penwith.

His widow, Mrs Evelyn Vernon-Betts, who is selling the library after moving to a smaller house, said: "While going through his things I found two more awards from the society. He had a great love of animals and the natural world; he could name any animal or bird you could think of. When you look back, it all seems part of another world. I suppose it's awful to get rid of his bits and pieces but you always keep the memories."

☐ A picture of mist on the Arran hills by William McTaggart set a new £210,000 auction record for the artist in a Sotheby's sale at Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire. It was in a collection of eight McTaggarts owned by Thomas Kirkness, a businessman in South Africa who bought them as a reminder of his Scottish childhood. The collection made £483,643, four times the pre-sale estimate.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: George Villiers, 1st Duke of Buckingham, statesman and royal favourite, Brooksby, Leicestershire, 1592; Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, poet, dramatist and scientist, Frankfurt am Main, 1749; Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu, novelist, Dublin, 1814; Sir Edward Burne-Jones, painter, Birmingham, 1833; Robert John Strutt, 4th Baron Rayleigh, physicist, 1875; George Whipple, pathologist, Nobel laureate 1934, Ashland, New Hampshire, 1878; Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand 1940-49, Fearn, Ross and Cromarty, 1884; Karl Böhm, conductor, Graz, 1894; Charles Boyer, actor, France, 1899; Sir John Betjeman, Poet Laureate 1972-84, London, 1906.

DEATHS: St Augustine of Hippo, Hippo (Annaba, Algeria), 430; Hugo Grotius, jurist, Rostock, Germany, 1745; Alessandro, Count of Cagliostro, adventurer, fortress of San Leo in the Appennines, 1795; John Leyden, poet, Cornelius, Djakarta, 1811; William Smith, geologist, Northampton, 1839; Leigh Hunt, essayist and poet, London, 1859; Prince William of Gloucester, killed in an air crash, Halfpenny Green Airport, near Wolverhampton, 1972; John Huston, film director, Newport, Rhode Island, 1987.

Wagner's opera *Lohengrin* was first performed at Weimar, 1850.

Dr Martin Luther King, Jr, delivered his "I have a dream" speech at a civil rights demonstration in Washington, 1963.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr B. Collings
and Lady Louisa Gordon Lennox

The engagement is announced between Benjamin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Roger Collings, of Thruxton House, Thruxton, Herefordshire, and Louisa, youngest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Richmond, Lennox and Gordon, of Molecomb, Goodwood, Chichester, West Sussex.

Captain C.R.M. Johnston
and Miss J.E. Henderson

The engagement is announced between Captain Charles Johnston, The Parachute Regiment, son of the Hon Lord and Lady Johnston, of Edinburgh, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Henderson, of Colinton, Edinburgh.

Mr C.B. Calvey
and Miss N.J. Martin

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Paul Calvey, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Howard Martin.

Mr T.D. Curtis
and Miss V.A. Powell-Brett

The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Curtis, of Weston Colville, Cambridgeshire, and Venetia, second daughter of Dr Christopher Powell-Brett, of Pimlico, London, and Mrs Lorna Powell-Brett, of Battersea, London.

Mr V.W. Inglis-Jones
and Miss C.S.M. Musson

The engagement is announced between Valentine, younger son of Mr Nigel Inglis-Jones, QC, of Clapham, London and the late Mrs Lenette (Minnie) Inglis-Jones, and stepson of Mrs Inglis-Jones, and Cleone, eldest daughter of the late Mr Geoffrey Musson and of Mrs Musson, of Bolter End Common, Buckinghamshire.

Mr D.W. Knights
and Miss N.L. Jennings

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr W. Knights and the late Mrs Knights, of Hull, East Yorkshire, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Middleton, of West Drayton, Middlesex.

Mr A.M.J. Kopley
and Miss M.P. Sims

The engagement is announced between Austen Michael John, son of Mrs Austen Kopley and the late Mr A.J. Kopley, of Cropredy, Oxfordshire, and Michele Parry, daughter of Mrs Arthur Sims and the late Mr H.C.A. Sims, of Chepstow, Monmouthshire.

Mr J.S. Lazarus
and Miss A.M. Hunter

The engagement is announced between Julian Simon, son of Mrs Erica Lazarus, of Kensington, and Alison Marguerite, daughter of the late Mr David Hunter and of Mrs Hunter, of Newbury, Berkshire.

Mr A. Nurmohamed
and Miss R. Simor

The engagement is announced between Arif, son of Mr and Mrs Sadruddin Nurmohamed, and Rebecca, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Simor.

Mr J.M. Orr
and Miss R.C. Eitel

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Orr, of Bolton-le-Sands, Lancashire, and Rachel Carole, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Eitel, of Dungannon, Northern Ireland.

Mr D.P. Redstone
and Miss J.A. Sober

The engagement is announced between Paul, youngest son of Dr and Mrs Isidore Redstone, of Bryanston Square, London, and Juliet, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Phillip Sober, of Horbury Mews, West London.

Mr R. Scott
and Miss R.S. Underwood

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Martin Scott, of Leigh-on-Sea, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs Adrian Underwood, of Eastbourne.

Mr A.J. Wharton
and Miss R. Westbury

The engagement is announced between Adam, younger son of District Judge and Mrs A.S. Wharton, of Oundle, Northamptonshire, and Ruth, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.L. Westbury, of Chigwell Row, Essex.

Mr C. York
and Miss S.A. Straker

The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Colonel and Mrs Edward York, of Hutton Wandesley, York, and Sasha, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Charles Straker, of Dupplin, Perth.

Marriage

Mr P.J. Hicks
and Miss J.K. de Nobriga

The marriage took place on Friday, August 15, 1997, of Mr Peter Hicks, son of the late Mr and Mrs E.W. Hicks, of Lincolnshire, to Miss Joanne de Nobriga, eldest daughter of the late Mr Alex de Nobriga and of Mrs de Nobriga.

Latest wills

Clare **Young**, of Letchworth, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £3,674,806 net.

Pamela Conyngham **Hamilton-Smythe**, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £2,654,530 net.
She left £5,000 to Fairford Hospital; £500 to St Mary's Church Fairford.

Victor Reginald **Marfell**, of Cowley, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £2,471,566 net.
He left shares in his residuary estate to St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, and to St Joseph's Hospice, Hackney.

Alan William **Tupper**, of Leigh Delamere, Chippenham, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £2,431,372 net.

Janet Elizabeth **Golding**, of Esher, Surrey, left estate valued at £3,589,131 net.
She left £35,000 to the Rt Rev Lord Runcie and Lady Runcie; £15,000 to Church of England Children's Society; £5,000 each to Healing Centre at Coventry Cathedral, Hon James Runcie, Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, Runcie Hospital, St Albans, and the Capelfield Surgery; £3,000 to Christ Church of Esher; £500 each to Ladies' Section of Burhill Golf Club, Sunningdale Ladies' Golf Club, Surrey Ladies' County Golf Association, Surrey Lady Captains' Society, and the English Ladies Seniors Golf Association.

Roden Paterson **Greenall**, of Harlow, Essex, left estate valued at £2,168,616 net.

John Bryan Bewicke **Milton**, of Brockenhurst, Hampshire, left estate valued at £1,229,928 net.
He left £4,000 to the Wilverley Association; £1,000 to the Matron of Forest Oaks, and to Uppingham School, Rutland; £500 to Cancer Research Campaign.

Hilde **Ramon**, of Finchley, London N2, left estate valued at £1,399,521 net.

Diana **Rennie**, of London SW15, left estate valued at £2,764,637 net.
She left £10,000 to her stockbroker Robert Bolan in recognition of his professional help over the years.

Betty Foster **Robinson**, of Wolverhampton, left estate valued at £1,224,964 net.
She left £25,000 to Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and Diabetics Research: Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (UK).

Jessie Eileen **Snell**, of Canford Cliffs, Poole, Dorset, left estate valued at £1,932,406 net.

Mercia **Solly**, of Milford on Sea, Lymington, Hampshire, left estate valued at £2,732,041 net.
She left shares in her estate to RNLI, Royal British Legion and King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, League of Friends of Milford on Sea and All Saints Church, Milford on Sea, Lymington.

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Scripture speaks of things beyond our seeing, things beyond our hearing, things beyond our imagination, all prepared by God for those who love him. 1 Corinthians 2 : 9

BIRTHS

CAMPBELL - On August 25th, to Georgina (née Crichton-Brown) and Angus, a son, Montague Angus.

COGGINS - On August 25th 1997, to Jane and Simon, a son, Alexander John, a brother for Louis.

DORE - On August 12th 1997 in High Wycombe, to Kate (née Ayers) and Simon, a son, Thomas Peter Timothy Ayers.

HUGHES - Michael and Heather (née Miller) are delighted to announce the arrival of Rory Michael Leonard on Monday 18th August 1997. With special thanks to the wonderful doctors, midwives and staff at the Eastern General Hospital, Edinburgh.

KAWAMURA - On August 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Kaori and Ichiji, a beautiful daughter, Rika.

KNIGHT - On August 21st at the Hospital of St John & St Elizabeth, to Amanda (née Rabbs) and Peter, a wonderful son, Hallam Freddie, a brother for Natasha.

LOUVET - On August 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Christine and Patrice, a son, Thomas Pierre Trevor.

NORTH - On August 22nd at Epsom General Hospital, to Melanie and Jes, a beautiful daughter, Darcey Kathleen.

SHERWOOD - On 22nd August 1997, to Jane (née Lees) and Jeremy, a son, Samuel Aidan.

SHINE - On August 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Lesley-Ann (née Jones) and Gerard, a son, Henry Edmund Emlyn, a brother for Mia.

SMART - On 24th August 1997 at The Royal Free Hampstead to Marion and Hugh, a son Oliver Peter, a brother for Jessica.

STANDRING - On 21st August, to Rebecca (née Burrows) and Rupert, a daughter, Polly Anna.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

SCHILLING - Heather and Richard on 28th August 1937. Congratulations and love from all your family.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ROBERTS - Geoff. Doris wishes to thank day and night staff at No. 10 Ward, Ronkswood, Dr. Popert, family and all friends, far too many to mention by name, for all the many tributes and donations for Droitwich Spa Cancer Support of which Geoff was President. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Special thanks to Mary Ashdown, the Rev. C. Stallard and the Rev. P. Bristow, & all who have supported me during this sad time.

DEATHS

APPLETON - Eleanor 6th July 1922 - 24th August 1997, wife of the late Group Captain J.W. Appleton, mother of the late Giles, survived by daughters Katharine and Charlotte and grandsons Samuel and William. Died peacefully after a long illness. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday 29th August 1997 at 10 am. No flowers, but donations in lieu in favour of St John's Hospice and enquiries c/o A. France & Son, 45 Lamb's Conduit Street, London WC1N 3NH. Tel: (0171) 405-4901.

ARCHER - Florence Emily (Fov). Passed away peacefully, with dignity and grace on 26th August, 1997 in Hobart, Tasmania. Loved wife of the late Ted. Loved mother of David. Loved grandmother of Lee, Andrew, Susan and Jennifer. Great-grandmother of Tynan, Hayden and Roisin. Loved by Sharryn and Pamela. Fondly remembered by Charles, Michael, Victor, Tony and Beena.

DEATHS

ARDING - On August 22nd 1997 after a long and distressing illness, Graham Henry Duff aged 75, dearly loved husband of Patricia and devoted father of Sarah, Nigel and Kate and grandfather of Vicky and Tom. Funeral at St Peter and St Paul, Seal, near Sevenoaks, on Monday September 1st at 2.15 pm. Private cremation later. Family flowers only. Enquiries and donations if desired for the PSP Association to W. Hodges, tel: (01732) 454457.

BLACK - Dr. George Purves on 22nd August at home in Newbury. Cremation at Oxford 3 pm on 1st September. Ashes to be interred in Scotland. No flowers please but donations if desired may be made to The Berkshire Cancer Centre c/o R.C. Smallbone (Newbury) Ltd.

BOUCHER - Enid Maude Gurney on 23rd August, peacefully at home in Milstead, Sittingbourne, Kent. Widow of Reginald Comyn. Much loved and sadly missed by Hugh, Ann and their families. Donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign or Wisdom Hospice Trust Fund c/o R. High and Sons, 1 Bayford Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.

BREDIN - Dorothy Wall, on Tuesday August 26th aged 101, adored wife of the late G.R.F. Bredin C.B.E., loving and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Private cremation. Funeral service at St. Peter's Church, Wootton, near Abingdon, on Monday September 1st at noon.

CARROLL - On 23rd August suddenly but peacefully at his home at Swaffham, Norfolk, Richard (Dick), Honorary Vice Consul for Spain. Beloved husband of Charlotte (deceased) and a dear father and grandfather. Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Pity C.C., Swaffham, on September 1st at 11.30 am. Flowers to Chapmans Funeral Service, 17 Lynn Road, Swaffham.

COCKHILL - Lorna on August 26th died peacefully in the compassionate care of Ashridge Court Care Home, Bexhill. Dearly loved wife of the late Tom, mother of Roger, grandmother of Richard, Paul, Anne, Peter, Andrew and Iain and great-grandmother of nine. Cremation Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Thursday September 4th at 2.30pm. Flowers to Mummery Ltd., 31 Devonshire Road, Bexhill, East Sussex, TN40 1AH, tel: (01424) 730418.

DAGGE - Dorothy Ramsden on August 26th peacefully at The Royal Surrey County Hospital, aged 90, beloved wife of Tim. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium Friday August 29th at 9.30am. Cremation follows. No flowers please.

DANBURY - Hazel Frances on August 24th at home, after long illness bravely borne. Funeral Service on Monday 1st September 12 noon at URC, New Malden, Surrey. Enquiries to Frederick Paine, (0181) 942-1978.

FLOYD - On August 25th in hospital, David, aged 83. A much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Cremation service at Honor Oak Crematorium, Brockley Way, Forest Hill, London SE22 on Friday August 29th at 10 am. No flowers but donations to Parkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0RA.

FOGG - Elizabeth Beryl, on 26th August aged 76 after a brave fight against cancer. Beloved wife of Tony (Prof. G.E. Fogg), mother of Helen and Timothy, grandmother of Melanie and Kieran, and sister of Rhian Kelsall. Funeral Service at Llandegfan Church at 12.30pm on Tuesday 2nd September. No flowers please but donations if wished, to Macmillan Nursing Services per John O. Williams and Son Funeral Directors, 1 Rose Hill, Beaumaris, Isle of Anglesey, tel: (01248) 810642.

GARDNER - Ralph Bennett (Bob) MM, aged 78, late Under Secretary Treasury Solicitor's Dept., lord of the manor of Shotwick, beloved husband of Pat, father of Marian and David, Grampy to Alice, brother of Joyce, Patrick and John, died peacefully at home after a long illness courageously borne on 25th August 1997. Funeral Service 2.30 pm at St Michael's Church, Shotwick, Cheshire on Thursday 4th September, followed by private interment. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St Michael's Church, Shotwick or Princess Alice Hospice. Enquiries to George Pettit & Son, Funeral Directors, Chester, (01244) 390578.

GARFORTH-BLES - On 21st August 1997. Mary, aged 80 years, beloved wife of the late John, dearly loved mother of David James and loving grandmother of Rebecca Louise and Sophie Victoria. Funeral Service on 29th August 1997 at 3.30pm at West Norwood Cemetery Chapel, London. Flowers to A. Yeatman & Sons, 384 Norwood Road, from Chesterman Florists tel: (0181) 647-8862. Donations if desired to RSPCC c/o A. Yeatman & Sons.

GRAY - Alexander George aged 78 on 24th August. Requiem Mass St Gabriel's, Warwick Square, SW1, 7 pm 1st September. Cremation Service Mortlake 10.30 am 2nd September. No flowers but donations for Talking Books for the Blind c/o Kenyons, 74 Rochester Row, SW1P 1JU.

HARRIS - Zona, on 25th August, wife of the late George Harris and dearly loved sister of Eva Rosenthal and sister-in-law of Sumner Rosenthal. Service to be held at Golders Green Crematorium at 4.15 pm on 28th August.

HASLETT - On 26th August 1997 peacefully in her sleep at home in Scotby, Carlisle, Leslie (Yey) aged 87 years, née MacIver. Dearly beloved wife of the late Bill. Dearly loved "Muzzy" of Liz, John, Stephen and their families. Requiem Mass at Our Lady and St Wilfreds Church, Warwick Bridge, Carlisle, on Friday 29th August at 2 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to Amnesty International c/o Geo Hudson & Sons, Funeral Directors, 118 Wigton Road, Carlisle, Cumbria CA2 7BS. R.I.P.

HOWDEN - Canon Arthur Travis peacefully on August 24th aged 86. Service at St Mary's Church, Rougham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, 2pm 1st September. No flowers, donations to Church Missionary Society or Friends of the Diocese of Iran.

KENYON-THOMPSON - Keith Martin. Schoolmaster and Bookseller of Ruthin, Denbighshire. Passed away on August 23rd 1997 aged 55 years. Adored husband of Janet. Cremation Private. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held on a date to be announced at St Peter's Collegiate Church Ruthin. Donations in memory of Keith for the Church Organ Fund may be sent to The Book Shop, Upper Clwyd Street, Ruthin, LL15 1HY.

MARSHALL - John Wilson peacefully at his home in Parham, Suffolk, on August 22nd aged 77 years, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. The funeral service will be held at St Mary's Church, Parham, on Tuesday September 2nd at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only: Donations to the Village Hall Trust c/o P.W. Kindred, New House, Crabbe's Farm, Parham, Suffolk IP13 9AD.

MATTHEWS - David Napier at home on August 25th supported by all his family. Beloved husband of Betty, much loved father of Hugh, Jane and Richard and wonderful grandfather to Kate, Andy, Nigel, Fiona, Jono, Thomas, Charles, William and Caroline. Funeral Monday September 1st at St James The Less, Pangbourne at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London. Service of Thanksgiving to be held in London later in the year. Details to follow. Lovegrove F/D, 58 Briants Avenue, Caversham RG4 5BA.

PLANT - Dian Plant is saddened to announce the loss of her dearly loved husband Gordon who passed away peacefully at home on August 21st 1997. The funeral service and tributes to Gordon will take place on Monday September 1st 1997 at St Margaret's Church, Wrenbury at 2 pm, followed by interment at his home. Will all relatives and friends please accept this intimation. Floral tributes and donations to St Margaret's Church and Cancer Research are most welcome. Enquiries to Williamson Brothers, Birch House, Birches Head Road, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, (01782) 212880.

PRIDEAUX - Barbara Ann peacefully on 23rd August 1997. Barbara died as she had lived with dignity and fortitude. Will be much missed by her family and so many friends. Funeral Service Monday 1st September 1997, 12.30 pm All Saints Church, Kingsdon, Somerset. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Myeloma Association c/o Eason Funeral Services, Newell, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 4EZ. Memorial Service to be announced later.

RABY - John died August 10th 1997 aged 73 in Oxford. "Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be, The last of life, for which the first was made." Family funeral has taken place.

SCHLEE - Alix, much loved widow of Bob, indomitable matriarch of an extensive family, died peacefully at home on August 26th, after 103 years of a full and varied life.

SEALE - The Reverend Elaine Seale née Wodson. Died 13th August 1997 of Uffculme, Devon. Thanks be to God.

SHAW - Evelyn Myrtle Ord (Peevie) at home 26th August aged 76 years, beloved wife of John of Welburn Manor, Kirkbymoorside, York, mother of Johnny and Will and grandmother of Isabelle, Jack and Emma. Funeral Service at 12 noon Monday 1st September at St Gregory's Minster, Kirkdale. Family flowers only.

THAKERAR - Mukund R. died peacefully on 24th August aged 64, beloved husband of Margaret, treasured father of Geeta, Rajesh and Meera. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium at 4 pm on Friday August 29th. No flowers please. Donations to The Royal Marsden (NHS) Trust.

TODD - John died peacefully at home, on August 26th 1997, after a long illness courageously borne. He will be greatly missed by wife Jenny and daughters Debbie and Tania, and by his many friends in the Royal Institute of Navigation, from whom funeral arrangements may be obtained.

YORKE - Charlotte Elizabeth (Carla), widow of E.C. Yorke on 21st August. Cremation Oxford Crematorium 12.15pm, 3rd September. Family flowers only. Donations to Charlbury Exhibition Foundation at 38 The Green, Charlbury, Oxford OX7 3QR. Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Charlbury, 17th September at 12 noon. Enquiries (01608) 810668.

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COLONEL HANS VON LUCK

Colonel Hans von Luck, wartime Panzer leader, died in Hamburg on August 1 aged 86. He was born at Flensburg on July 15, 1911.

In his memoir, *Panzer Commander*, published in America in 1989, Hans von Luck recalls the astonishment he felt when, in the 1960s, he was invited to the Staff College at Camberley to lecture to young British officers on the German experience of the Normandy battle of 1944. The consciousness of having been the servant of an evil regime, doubly drummed into him through five years as a prisoner of the Russians between 1945 and 1950, made him reticent about talking of his war. But when he stood up to address his first Staff College audience, it was to hear himself described by Camberley's CO as "a fair and courageous opponent". The awkwardness passed, and he was regularly invited back.

Staff College audiences were particularly interested to hear what a German had to say about the controversial Operation Goodwood, the British 2nd Army's apparent attempt to break out of its bridgehead at Caen in July 1944. As commanding officer 125 Panzergrenadier Regiment, von Luck had played an important part in repelling the most massive Allied tank attack of the entire Normandy campaign. On one occasion he even ordered the commander of a flak battery at gunpoint not to train his 88mm guns skywards looking for aircraft, but to use them against the advancing British tanks. "Either you're a dead man or you can earn yourself a medal," von Luck told the reluctant flak commander, levelling his Luger pistol at him. Faced with this steely determination, the young officer complied, and the anti-aircraft guns became anti-tank guns, with devastating effect on the British armour.

The repulse of Goodwood brought acute disappointment verging on outrage to the Chiefs of Staff, the press and the British public, and its effects reverberate among military commentators to this day. That three complete armoured divisions — whose way forward had supposedly been eased by an immense carpet of bombs dropped by 2,000 aircraft — should have been stopped in their tracks by vastly inferior German forces, was considered a disgrace. Tedder, Eisenhower's deputy for the NW Europe campaign, furious at the squandering of such massive air power for such limited objectives, called for Montgomery's head. Montgomery, in a perhaps retrospective adjustment of his aims, said that no breakout had been planned; Goodwood had been a "battle of position" intended to draw German forces into a war of attrition and allow the Americans to break out on the western flank of the bridgehead — which indeed they later did.

On the German side, von Luck's initiatives — besides the flak battery, he had rounded up much other artillery and got it pointing in the right direction — earned him the praise of the corps commander. He was used to such notice. From early on in his career he had been a protégé of Rommel, who in 1942 had had him brought from the Russian front to North Africa to command his "pet" unit, the 3rd Panzer Reconnaissance Battalion. Poland, 1939; France 1940; Russia 1941-42; North Africa 1942-43; NW Europe 1944; and finally the Eastern front again just before the final collapse in 1945, von Luck had been in the thick of just about every campaign of the war.

Hans von Luck was born into the old Prussian officer class. An ancestor had fought against the Tartars in the 13th century; another had served Frederick the Great in the Seven Years War. Remarkably, given such a military background, his father was a naval officer, which accounts for von Luck's birth at Flensburg. But the father's career was an aberration. Hans von Luck went to army cadet school, from where he was posted to a cavalry regiment. But from this he was uprooted and sent to one of the first motorised battalions in the Reichswehr. At first he was disappointed not to be a cavalryman, but the move ensured that he was in at the birth of Germany's formidable panzer forces. In Saxony in 1932 he met Erwin Rommel who trained him in infantry tactics.

In August 1939 von Luck's armoured reconnaissance regiment was on manoeuvres on the Polish frontier when it had its blank cartridges exchanged for live ammunition. At 0450 hours on September 1, it rolled over the Polish frontier to begin what would, for von Luck, be more than five-and-a-half years of almost continual fighting. By the middle of September, with the Polish armies routed, von Luck's unit was in Warsaw.

For the invasion of France and the Low Countries in the following spring, he found himself in a panzer division commanded by Rommel. The young company commander had already made an impression on the famous general, and when, on May 28, 1940, the commander of 37 Panzer Reconnaissance Battalion was killed in northern France, Rommel appointed him, over the heads of many more senior officers, to lead the unit. In the aftermath of Dunkirk, von Luck's battalion continued the pursuit of the French Army southwards, encompassing the surrender of Fécamp without having to bombard the picturesque resort.

Von Luck's third campaign began at 4am on June 22, 1941, when Hitler launched Operation Barbarossa, the invasion of the Soviet Union. His panzer division was part of the Northern Army Group aiming for Minsk as a prelude to assaulting Moscow itself. Von Luck actually managed to insert a patrol into the suburbs of the Russian capital before counterattacks and the onset of winter flung the Germans back. By that time he knew that Rommel, in North Africa, was asking for him and, though his divisional general would not at first release him, by the spring of 1942 he was reporting to his old boss in his desert HQ.

For von Luck the fight against the British in the desert was always to be the most "sporting" contest of the war. The deep bitterness of the French campaign and the dehumanizing ethos of the Russian front, were absent. The to-and-fro nature of the struggle meant that both sides got to know each other's units — sometimes each other's personalities — quite intimately. A captured German medical officer might be "swapped" for a supply of synthetic quinine of which the British were in short supply. Towards the end of the campaign, in a Tunisian desert bivouac, a bedouin suddenly came to von Luck's tent and presented him with a letter. It was from the CO Royal Dragoons and read:

> Dear Major von Luck. We have had other tasks and so were unable to keep in touch with you. The war in Africa has been decided. I'm glad to say not in your favour. I should like, therefore, to thank you and all your people, in the name of my officers and men, for the fair play with which we have fought against each other on both sides. I and my battalion hope that all of you will come out of the war safe . . .

After the close of the Tunisian campaign von Luck spent some time in Berlin before going to Normandy where, on D-Day, he was commanding a tank regiment of 21 Panzer Division near Caen. When he saw the massed parachutists and gliders of 6 Airborne Division descending on Normandy early on June 6, 1944, he longed to counter-attack at once. But his formation was forbidden to move without a direct order from Hitler, who slept in until noon. Later, after the repulse of Goodwood, he fought his way back to the Germany's Rhine frontier and was involved in some tough fighting against the Americans in the Vosges Mountains.

Had he finished his war there, his future might have been different. But in February 1945 his panzergrenadiers were switched to the eastern front, where where he was taken prisoner by the Russians in the desperate fighting on the Oder around the fortress of Küstrin in April. He then faced almost five years' grim labour in the Soviet Union, first as a coalminer, then as a building worker in the Caucasus.

He was released in the winter of 1949-50, but found his home town in ruins. His private life was in ruins, too. He had formed an attachment during the war to a girl he was not then allowed to marry, because she had a Jewish great-grandparent. By the time he returned from imprisonment her circumstances had changed. They remained friends but he found a new life as a coffee merchant, spending some time in Angola. He married and fathered three sons.

His British Staff College visits brought him into touch with Major John Howard, whom, had his unit been allowed to move forward, he might well have driven off Pegasus Bridge in the small hours of D-Day. Through Howard he met the American historian and presidential biographer Stephen Ambrose who wrote a foreword to *Panzer Commander*.

Von Luck also advised the Ministry of Defence on its 1979 instruction film *Goodwood*. He was even asked to lecture on the topic to the Swedish Military College: this small neutral state regarded his July 1944 counter-attack as a classic of its kind, with a lesson for any country that might find itself subject to amphibious invasion. Howard and von Luck were often to be seen together, both at D-Day reunions, which initially he had been reticent about attending, and at seminars arranged by Ambrose when he was a professor at New Orleans.

His wife Regina and sons survive him.

CHRISTOPHER HARLEY

Christopher Harley, landowner, died of cancer on August 6 aged 70. He was born on December 31, 1926.

CHRISTOPHER HARLEY was a country gentleman whose family has lived at Brampton Bryan, Herefordshire, since 1309, on an estate which has not been bought or sold since the Norman Conquest. Among the family's forebears are counted a Harley who had been on the First Crusade and another who had fought at Crécy.

After taking over the management of the family property and surrounding farms in 1956, Christopher Harley supervised the restoration, preservation and modernisation of every aspect of the estate, culminating most recently in the repair of the ruined mediaeval castle defended by his ancestor Lady Brilliana Harley during the Civil War.

This was a task for which his deep knowledge of local and family history wholly suited him. He always took great trouble in answering historical or genealogical queries from researchers or distant relatives, disguising the learnedness of his replies with a gentle sense of humour and diffident manner.

The medieval castle at Brampton Bryan, Herefordshire

Born at Brampton Bryan, Christopher Charles Harley was the second son of Major Ralph Harley (his elder brother was killed in the Second World War). He was educated at Eton and Magdalene College, Cambridge, although his Eton career was interrupted when the school was bombed, and his mother had him brought back to Herefordshire to attend a school set up in his own home.

After qualifying as a mechanical engineer, he worked with Ricardo and Co and with International Harvester before returning to run the estate. A dedicated churchman, he served as churchwarden of his local church at Brampton Bryan for more than 30 years — occasionally taking services himself during any interregnum between appointments (he always took his responsibilities as a patron of livings extremely seriously).

He was a magistrate from 1960 to 1993; a committee member of the Herefordshire Country Landowners Association from 1958 to 1995, chairman from 1963 to 1967 and president from 1977 to 1986. He also served as a regional committee member of the National Trust from 1968 to 1993 and as chairman of the Herefordshire branch of the Royal Forestry Society from 1959 to 1968. He was a General Commissioner for Income Tax from 1962 to 1997. He followed generations of his family by serving as High Sheriff of the county in 1987-88 and was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Herefordshire in 1987.

Much of the delight which people found in Harley's company came not merely from his easy charm and modest smile, but also from his exceptionally wide range of interests and scholarship. His nickname, "Trees" Harley, was a tribute not just to his height (he was 6ft 5in tall) but to his passion for trees and forestry in particular. He started out as a boy by collecting pine-cones and moved on to the planting of exotic conifers. He sometimes took his hosts by surprise when, out visiting locally, he would don a boiler suit after lunch and climb a particularly fine specimen of a tree to get the best seeds from the top.

He owned an exceptional collection of tree books, with the emphasis always on conifers. His plantings consistently combined character and aesthetic values with commercial considerations. He planted more than 200,000 trees.

Harley's concerned paternalism allowed the estate to retain a sense of continuity and community now rare in rural England. Brampton Bryan is today one of the few English villages which can still boast a blacksmith, a wheelwright and coracle-maker, not to mention the more recent craft of making garden gnomes.

Harley's marriage in 1959 to Susan, daughter of the diplomat Sir Roderick Barclay, brought him great happiness. He died in the room in which he was born and is survived by his wife and four sons.

JOHN GUEST

John Guest, publisher, died on August 24 aged 85. He was born in Warrington, Cheshire, on October 4, 1911.

FOR ALMOST half a century, John Guest was a notable figure in English publishing, attracting to the houses for which he worked a remarkable number of established authors, who were (or were to become) his friends, as well as unknown young writers who have since made their names.

The elder son of George Edwin Guest, a well-to-do leather manufacturer, and of Jane Helen, one of the 12 children of John Boston of Liverpool, also in the leather trade, he was educated at Fettes in Edinburgh and read English at Pembroke College, Cambridge.

After a short, unhappy time in the family leather business he moved to London where, after knocking on various publishers' doors, he eventually obtained ill-paid employment, first as a proof reader and then as a junior editor in the long-established firm of Collins. On the outbreak of war in 1939 he enlisted in the Army and served in the North African and Italian campaigns as a captain in the 10th City of London Yeomanry. By then the "Rough Riders" were actually an artillery regiment, and Guest was mentioned in dispatches for his service with them.

He returned to Collins after the war, but in 1949 became literary adviser to Longman, with a brief to rebuild the firm's general trade list, a task he fulfilled with exemplary success. Within ten years Longman had one of the most distinguished fiction and nonfiction lists in London.

A painstaking, sympathetic and skilful editor with a sure eye for nascent talent — he spotted such authors as Richard Adams, David Storey and John Cornwell — Guest was also a distinguished writer himself. His one original book, *Broken Images*, an impressive and moving account of his war experiences, won the Royal Society of Literature Award under the Heinemann bequest in 1949. He was subsequently elected a fellow of the society, and sat on its council for thirty years.

For a time he was chairman of the Heinemann award committee, and on the retirement of Sir Osbert Sitwell he was invited by William Plomer to take a place on the panel of judges for the Cholmondeley Award for Poetry. He edited the first anthology of the poetry and prose of his friend Sir John Betjeman under the title *The Best of Betjeman* (1978). It has been reprinted many times and has sold about 200,000 copies.

In 1972, when Longman merged with Penguin, John Guest was invited to join Penguin as literary adviser, and he remained there until his retirement, contributing much to the firm's success.

Gregarious, entertaining and lively, he was an amusing raconteur whose fund of anecdotes — related with a slight but much-imitated lisp — never palled in the retelling. A repository of arcane knowledge and amusing gossip about the literary world and about encounters with such figures as Somerset Maugham and Edith Sitwell, he possessed at the same time many other interests, ranging from the study of pipe organs to the expert practice of photography, from natural history to music and the art of the Renaissance. He was widely travelled in Asia, Africa and Europe, having a particular devotion to Italy where he delighted in walking, as he did in the English countryside, with one or other of his many devoted friends.

He was unmarried.

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The left-handed author had studied underhand bowling since his childhood, and claimed to have taken 1,500 wickets in his career, mostly in country-house cricket.

So far as I can ascertain, not a single over of underhand bowling has been seen in county cricket this season. Two county captains of my acquaintance say they would willingly make use of it in an emergency, e.g. when two stodgy batsmen have dug themselves in, but they have nobody in their sides with any practical knowledge of it. If an expert were available, one of them admitted, the attitude of the crowd would have to be considered. His appearance as a bowler would be greeted with derisive laughter: for the average spectator the lob is as absurd as its name and a childish device for giving easy runs to the enemy. For this and other reasons, underhand bowling seems to be extinct in first-class cricket . . . In club cricket also the "lobster" is despised, and some years have elapsed since I saw him playing his craft for a suburban eleven of good standing. He then took four wickets at a reasonable cost. Afterwards he told me he had been equally successful on a Sussex green, and that his captain had privately apologised to each of his victims for subjecting him to an ordeal suspected to be unsportsmanlike. As you descend through the lower circles of cricket, you find the schoolboy's aversion from "sneaks" re-appearing as a grown-up obsession, but he is not so foolish as to believe that underhand bowling can ever again be made the main part of an attack. The batsman gets a much quicker sight of it than of the deliveries of a bowler whose "hand brushes his ear". The underhand bowler cannot flight the ball. Though fast-medium pace can be secured, only a jerk is able to make it really fast — and that is illegal, being an underhand throw. But it is the *psychological* factor — unusualness — which would make underhand bowling dangerous in these days. Meeting it perhaps for the first time, even a first-rate batsman might become too cautious or too ready to take risks. More often than not, he would expect, and be expected by the crowd, to set the figures flickering on the score-board. That is why bad lobs can be strangely effective. The classic instance is Alfred Lyttelton's four wickets for 19 against Australia. W.G., the English captain, said his lobs were very bad, when he ordered him back into his wicket-keeping gloves and pads, and an eye-witness told me some were like a "snail", and one bounced three times . . . Perhaps enough has now been said to justify this plea for the revival of a venerable, if unvenerated, art of cricket.

Bargains of the week: from a room with a view in Crete, a three-week camping tour of southern Africa

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All-in holidays cause upset

By Linsey McNeill

THERE is mounting concern about food hygiene standards in the increasingly popular all-inclusive resorts springing up around the world.

Environmental pressure groups also claim that the developments encourage tourists to stay in their own isolated compound, cutting local people off from any potential economic benefit.

More than half the 820,000 Britons who go on holiday to the Caribbean this year will stay in hotels and developments where food, drink and entertainment are included in the package price. And similar schemes are now opening from the Far East to the Mediterranean.

Stuart Henderson, a lawyer, won compensation from the tour operator First Choice when 115 holidaymakers caught food poisoning at an all-inclusive resort in the Caribbean. Now, he claims, he is acting for a further 12 groups, involving others companies, that allegedly got food poisoning at all-in resorts in the Dominican Republic earlier this year, and 140 people who became ill while at a similar resort on Margarita Island in 1995.

"We are not just talking about getting upset tummies — some of these people were quite seriously ill, some have had to be hospitalised, and up to 10 per cent have developed life-long medical problems, such as irritable bowel syndrome, as a result of unsafe food preparation in these resorts," he says.

"This may be because at all-inclusive hotels meals are often buffets, where food is left out for hours and often reheated. Also, we have evidence that in some cases tap water is used to water down drinks, and I do wonder whether costs at this type of hotel are being pared to the bone."

As hoteliers rush to convert to all-inclusives, Mr Henderson believes there could be further outbreaks of food poisoning in countries previously considered safe.

Patricia Barnett, director of the charity Tourism Concern, says the fact that those who book an all-in holiday spend little, if any, money in the country they visit is causing a rising tide of resentment in many destinations.

"All-inclusive resorts deny the local economy the opportunity to become involved in tourism," Ms Barnett says. The claim is fiercely denied by the tour operators, including the Caribbean's leading all-inclusive group, Sandals.

"We employ 4,500 local staff, buy in huge quantities of food and drink from the local farmers and we alone provide 10 per cent of Jamaica's foreign currency earnings," says Elaine Vaughan, the sales director.

"Clients in all-inclusive resorts actually spend far more on local trips, souvenirs and attractions than those in an ordinary hotel — especially if they are on a budget.

"The British are particularly keen on visiting the local area so it is simply wrong to say they do not bring benefits."

Adrian Clark, administrative director of the Tourism Society, adds: "All-inclusives offer convenience and good-quality holidays but the downside is that holidaymakers lose their independence and they often do not go beyond their resort."

Paying their way? The Sandals resorts in Jamaica employ 4,500 local staff and buy in food and drink from local farmers

Tour operators insist that good all-in packages represent the best value for money for the holidaymaker. Prices start from as little as £399 for a week in the Caribbean.

"They offer clients a cheaper alternative to half-board packages, and they allow holidaymakers, particularly families, to budget for their trip before they leave home," says Francis Torrilla, marketing director of the holiday company Inspirations.

Flying Colours claims a holidaymaker on a two-week package to the Caribbean could save up to £1,000 on food, drink and sports facilities by staying at an all-inclusive resort. Airtours says that a quarter of all its clients now choose all-inclusive holidays. Tourist boards are also generally in favour of the all-inclusive concept, arguing that by lowering the overall cost of a holiday, it attracts more visitors.

News that three British women may have caught typhoid while staying at an all-inclusive resort in the Dominican Republic last month is not expected to discourage holidaymakers from booking similar deals.

"This is an unfortunate and isolated incident and as yet we don't know whether these women caught typhoid in their hotel or from a local restaurant," says Padilla Tonos, the Dominican Republic's Ambassador in London.

● **The women the tour operators fear: see Saturday's travel pages.**

The Travel Business

Harvey Elliott

How to travel without moving

Hundreds of would-be pilots have staggered white-faced from a converted barn in a Yorkshire village after happily handing over at least £120 each to discover just what it is like to be in control of a Boeing 737 jet.

The simulator at the Yorkshire Flight Centre, near Harrogate, like those that every commercial airline pilot must visit every six months, is so realistic that many "pilots" forget completely that they are in a run-down farm building in the village of Arkendale, near Knaresborough, and are convinced they are lining up to land at Manchester Airport.

But clever as the simulator is, it is "steam age" technology compared to the latest designs being used to train professional pilots. Within the next few years even more sophisticated virtual reality machines will become commonplace.

Only this week, BT announced that it was involved in producing what it described as "a machine that can transport its user anywhere in the world". Using the device, called Head, BT said that "a user can visit Times Square or take a walk into a pyramid without leaving the room".

So it will soon be a simple matter to reproduce some of the world's biggest attractions, not just on computers, but also on wraparound screens or as holograms.

Already the Internet has travelogues showing in immense detail not only a particular city or resort, but also inside the hotels and the food in the restaurants.

An American company, Planet 9, now features ten cities on its Web site. "Travellers" can circle several thousand feet over San Francisco, for example, before flying under the Golden Gate bridge on the way to hotel rooms they don't even have to check into. The company is creating other such "trips", including London, Tokyo and Kyoto.

Already the site is visited by more than a million Internet users a year. Some are looking for information on a particular city but many, the company says, are doing it "for fun".

So tourists' feet need no more destroy the temples of Greece and Rome. Virtual vacationers will be able to visit the Acropolis when the light is at its best and there are no tour groups blocking the view.

Travellers can visit Times Square without leaving their room

Travellers who could never hope to climb Mount Everest or Kilimanjaro could walk effortlessly up the slopes without the help of oxygen or heavy backpack. For a price, anyone could dive to the bottom of the sea or watch the sunset from a Caribbean shore — in 3D.

There will be no problems with nasty insects or tropical diseases. Those who prefer to stick to home-grown food will not have to choose from incomprehensible menus or have to shout to make themselves understood in a foreign tongue.

The new technology will, of course, be far superior to the simple television pictures or Internet images generally available today, and will ensure that travellers experience the sounds, and even the smells, on their virtual journeys.

But would you not rather be on that sunny beach or in some exotic place? I suspect all this virtual travel will only generate more demand for the real thing by whetting appetites.

Eurostar security checks to stay

By Steve Keenan

EUROSTAR passengers have been caught in a crackdown on bogus asylum-seekers at the Paris rail terminal.

A new passport check was introduced 12 days ago, slowing down the movement of passengers after ticket check-in and before security gates at Gare du Nord station.

But Eurostar officials insist they have no immediate plans to extend the current 20-minute check-in rule at Paris, despite the added security precautions. "It seems as if the new pre-board checks will stay," said the spokesman. There are also no plans to change the 10-minute check-in offered to travellers buying £370 Premium First tickets.

But heightened security at Gare du Nord could alarm passengers, particularly those on business, whose main criteria for travel is speed of check-in and travel between Paris and London.

Eurostar is locked in a battle with airlines to attract premium traffic. Up to 25 per cent of Eurostar passengers are on business, and its new Premium First fare matches that charged by airlines for fully flexible tickets.

The latest figures also show that the initial appeal of Eurostar has worn off, with airlines reporting that loss of passengers to rail has stabilised. Air France says figures to Paris are down by 22 per cent on 1994. British Airways has suffered less, down by less than 10 per cent on pre-Eurostar figures.

And while "point-to-point" figures may be down, AF and BA have seen overall traffic on the route grow as connecting traffic volumes have increased through Paris Charles de Gaulle and Heathrow airports, respectively.

Sabena reports a 47 per cent growth in traffic between the UK and Belgium in the first six months of 1997, almost entirely because of connecting traffic through Brussels.

It is generally acknowledged that Eurostar appeals mainly to business travellers from central London or within easy access to Ashford, Kent. Those west of London or flying from the regions have stuck to the airlines.

Another reason for the levelling off of losses to Eurostar, according to an Air France spokesman, is the fact that the rail service has now matched airlines on price. Eurostar's Premium First to Paris costs £370, exactly the same as AF and BA.

"In the early days, Eurostar did a lot of deals on price that tempted business travellers to try out the service. Now that it costs the same, the numbers switching to rail have stabilised," says a spokesman.

Bald eagle in boycott call

The bald eagle: one of America's rarest and most celebrated birds

BRITISH holidaymakers are being urged to boycott charter flights by airlines such as Airtours, Britannia and Leisure International which use Orlando-Sanford airport in Florida.

By Nick Nuttall

The call, by conservationists in the sunshine state, follows the felling of a nest housing one of America's rarest and most celebrated birds — the bald eagle, the country's national symbol.

The Florida Audubon Society, founded in 1900 and one of America's oldest wildlife protection groups, says in the past five years the airport has changed "from a place where grass grew through the cracks in the runways into a destination for hundreds of thousands of British tourists in jumbo jets".

The airport authorities want to build more runways to handle the increased traffic, but, say protesters, construction will threaten sensitive environmental areas, including wetlands and endangered species.

The society is urging holidaymakers to pick flights going to Orlando International, which it claims is more convenient for the key attractions of central Florida, including Disney World and the MGM Studios.

The dispute came to a head with the destruction of the eagle's nest, which was in the path of one of the proposed runways.

The airport authority claims the nest was a "public safety hazard". The Audubon Society, however, insists that the airport and state wildlife officials have broken the law in allowing the felling, which took place earlier this month.

Last week the state's Game and Freshwater Fish Commission accepted that there should have been a public hearing and that a permit should have been issued for the nest destruction. The Audubon Society is considering legal action.

Members fear that other bald eagle sites in the area, called Seminole County, could be at risk. The county is home to 40 active nests, and seven eaglets fledged during the 1996/97 nesting season, according to the Audubon EagleWatch Programme and the commission.

Federal aviation statistics show that collisions between aircraft and eagles are rare. Most reported damage comes from waterfowl and gulls.

Charles Lee, the society's senior vice-president, says: "We can't figure out why the airport decided to destroy the eagle's nest when there has never been an airliner accident with eagles in Florida. We think that all the airport officials wanted to do was concoct a bogus safety issue to justify destroying the nest and avoid having to redesign the proposed runway.

"If you want to help the bald eagles, check with your prospective carrier — choose one that flies to Orlando International."

Britannia says that congestion has become so bad at the old airport that it has been forced to switch to Sanford. "It was hot and overcrowded," said a spokeswoman. "Since we moved to Sanford the satisfaction rating has gone up dramatically.

"We reckon we are a very environmentally aware airline and take conservation matters extremely seriously. This is really a battle between the Orlando airport authorities and the local environmental groups."

Jack Wert, tourism director for Seminole County based in Heathrow, Florida, says: "We do not want any situation to deter holidaymakers from coming here."

He said that there were no eagles in the nest when it was felled and that the birds would return to another, less hazardous, site.

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Britons cruise the Channel in luxury

By Steve Keenan

A NEW generation of potential cruise-ship customers are cutting their teeth on cheap cross-Channel excursions.

Saunas, restaurants, casinos and swimming pools, which are more typically found on Caribbean cruise ships, have flourished on luxury cruise-ferries heading for France. With prices as low as £9, thousands of Britons are taking advantage of low prices to experience a taste of the high life at sea.

Brittany Ferries and P&O European Ferries have invested heavily in ships operating from Portsmouth, Poole and Plymouth, in order to lure holidaymakers away from cheap prices offered at Dover.

While prices are generally double those of Dover or Le Shuttle, the two companies argue that the longer routes save driving time to the west coast holiday playgrounds while allowing drivers to break their journey.

Their move has also created a spin-off market for short, ship-based cruises. Stephen Shaw, the finance director of Brittany Ferries, says: "What we had to do with the longer routes was to make the experience more pleasurable. Instead of charging down the autoroute, people could relax with a glass of wine. We are now offering a lot of mini-cruises, which appeal to people who simply want to go there and back. It has become a recognised product."

Brittany will next week launch £9.95 fares for 24-hour excursions on its Poole-Cherbourg route. The offer will be available on other routes from September 15 until Christmas.

High life: Caribbean-style cruise-ferries are flourishing

The company has invested £350 million on three ships operating to Caen, St Malo and Cherbourg. Last year, the AA gave five-star awards for on-board facilities and services to the *Val de Loire*, *Bretagne* and *Duc de Normandie*.

Cinemas, restaurants and playrooms are standard on all ships. The ten-deck *Val de Loire*, which operates a 24-hour crossing to Santander in northern Spain, also boasts a swimming pool.

P&O's *Pride of Le Havre*, operating from Portsmouth, has four restaurants and a carvery, plus casino, pool and sauna. Both companies also offer entertainment, with magicians often wandering the ship to entertain children.

Foot passengers to Le Havre or Cherbourg can travel with P&O for £9, with up to 36 hours allowed in France.

With extensive duty-free facilities on board, and abundant markets in the French ports, Britons are taking the opportunity to combine a ferry cruise with shopping.

A sample P&O itinerary may be travelling out from Portsmouth on the 10pm sailing, arriving in Le Havre at 7am and leaving at 4pm, arriving home at 8pm.

Both companies also sell three-day tickets, with P&O currently offering fares of £59 (booked by September 12 for travel by the 14th) to Le Havre and Cherbourg, to include a car and two passengers.

P&O European Ferries (0990 980980); Brittany Ferries (0990 360360).

We love Volga boatmen

RUSSIA'S Volga and Neva rivers are now the third most popular rivers in the world for British holidaymakers, *Harvey Elliott writes.* More than 15,000 Britons sailed on the two waterways last year compared with 10,000 on the Danube, 5,000 on the Rhône and 2,000 on the Mississippi, according to the Passenger Shipping Association.

The growth in demand for cruises in Russia has helped to triple the popularity of river cruising over the past five years. At least 144,000 people will take a cruise this year, compared with only 44,000 in 1992, according to Bill Gibbons, director of the PSA.

Almost half the 70,000 who cruise the Nile will travel with Thomson. The lifting of the Foreign Office ban on travel in middle Egypt has enabled operators such as Swan Hellenic to reintroduce its 600-mile Nile cruises between Cairo and Aswan.

The second most popular river is the Rhine. Coming up fast are the Yangtze, the Douro in Portugal, the Amazon, the Irrawaddy in Burma and the Po in Italy.

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THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Princess denies criticising Tories

■ Diana, Princess of Wales, sought to extricate herself from a deepening political row yesterday over her alleged criticism of the former Conservative Government's policy on landmines.

The Princess denied that she had described Tory policy as "hopeless" in an interview with *Le Monde*, but as constitutionalists and Tory MPs reacted with outrage Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, intervened to exploit her remarks for the *maximum* political capital .... **Pages 1, 16**

Police inquiry into MI5 revelations

■ Scotland Yard's Special Branch has begun a criminal investigation into a possible breach of the Official Secrets Act by David Shayler, the former MI5 officer. The investigation follows Mr Shayler's revelations about bugging operations against individuals, including Peter Mandelson .... **Pages 1, 17**

Warship rescue

A Bedford couple and their six-year-old son had to be rescued by the crew of *HMS Illustrious* after their yacht was battered for three *days by 30ft waves in the Bay of* Biscay .... **Page 1**

Poets at odds

The world of Celtic literature was in turmoil over allegations that Derick Thomson, one of Scotland's best-known Gaelic poets had been "blatantly plagiarised" *by a Cornish writer........**Page 3***

Discordant note

George Harrison, the former Beatle, says British groups are rubbish and the best thing about the Spice Girls is that "you can *watch them with the sound* off" .... **Page 5**

Change of gear

Motorists who face prosecution for driving without due care and attention are being offered the alternative of a course to improve their driving skills........ **Page 6**

Bayeux's last thread

An Englishwoman has recreated the last panel of the Bayeux tapestry, showing the Saxon nobles surrendering and William the Conqueror being crowned **Page 7**

Jets in near miss

Two British Airways jets with more than 300 passengers came within 400ft over Kent when an air traffic controller told the wrong plane to descend ... **Page 7**

School pet cruelty

Aberdeen schools may ban pets because keeping classroom guinea pigs is cruel. They could be replaced with videos and CD-Roms of rabbits and *mice in their* natural environment........**Page 8**

Dome firm wants £2m

The German construction company snubbed over the Millennium Dome contract has engaged a top *commercial litigator in* Britain to press for at least £2 million damages .... **Page 9**

Gore on the line

Al Gore made at least 86 fund-raising calls to America's richest lawyers, businessmen and philanthropists, who later gave $3.7 *million to the 1996 Democratic* campaign .... **Page 10**

Rainforest raiders

A ragtag army of at least 6,000 armed gold diggers and diamond hunters has invaded an Amazon rainforest reserve inhabited by Yanomami indians .... **Page 11**

Mafia in the print

The Russian publishing industry seems to have fallen prey to the mafia as details emerge of the gangland assassination of a leading young publisher........ **Page 12**

Montserrat blow

British officials on Montserrat admitted that a voluntary evacuation of the island which began on Saturday had not lived up to their expectations........ **Page 13**

Monkeys ape children's sculptures

■ Capuchin monkeys enjoy modelling clay into shapes and decorating it with paint and leaves, American researchers have found. They are said to be "very focused". On standard educational scales, the capuchins resemble human children aged about 18 to 24 months. Just like infants, they abandon what they have made as soon as they have finished ..... **Page 3**

JIM HOLLANDER/REUTERS

Israeli tanks pause for ice-creams and cold drinks from a civilian snack van during an exercise on the Golan Heights yesterday

BUSINESS

British Telecom: BT and MCI are *refusing to increase their advisers'* fees even though the £11 billion *merger of the companies had to be* renegotiated .... **Page 23**

WH Smith: *The retailer raised pre*-tax profits from £89 million to £124 million and held its dividend at 15.65p a share .... **Page 23**

Petrol: *Shell will today announce* that it is ditching up to 30 of its 50 *forecourt store suppliers as part of* an internal shake-up designed to create a new breed of "convenience store" forecourts .... **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 20.6 points to close at 4906.9. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 101.6 to 101.9 after a fall from $1.6125 to $1.6108 but a rise from DM2.9035 to DM2.9151.... **Page 26**

SPORT

Football: Celtic revived memories *of their greatest European victories* with the drama of their victory over Tirol Innsbruck .... **Page 40**

Cricket: In the county champion*ship race*, Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Yorkshire all enjoyed productive days .... **Page 38**

Golf: The Europe Ryder Cup team may not now be announced this weekend after the saga over the selection of the final place in the team took another twist..... **Page 41**

Tennis: Andre Agassi returned to competition with an impressive 6-1, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 win over Steve Campbell at the US Open .... **Page 44, 42**

Racing: Swain, the battle-hardened five-year-old, is going straight for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on October 5........ **Page 39**

ARTS

British soul: Connor Reeves is a *soul singer-songwriter who* has written for Tina Turner and is at number 12 in the singles chart. But he's British, and white ...... **Page 32**

Sheffield strip: *Best by far of the* week's new movies is Britain's *The Full Monty*, Peter Cattaneo's feel-good tale of unemployed steelworkers seeking fame and fortune by stripping .... **Page 33**

Jacobean sleaze: At the Globe *The Maid's Tragedy* provides a splendid entertainment of murder and mayhem, leavened by laughter in this extraordinarily intimate theatre........ **Page 34**

Fast worker: Few conductors have risen as fast as Antonio Pappano, who tonight tackles Wagner's *Die Walküre* in Edinburgh...... **Page 35**

FEATURES

Cheers: Dr Thomas Stuttaford on *compulsive disorders in the young*, high blood pressure and more good news for drinkers........ **Page 14**

Shelley revisited: An exhibition in Rome illuminates Mary Shelley, author of *Frankenstein*...... **Page 15**

Slow train: "When I got out of hospital, I could hardly walk around . . . I guess it's a slow process of recuperation." Bob Dylan on his heart disease .... **Page 15**

Best buys: African adventures with a £100 saving, special flight deals for students and pensioners, discounts on British hotels . . . just some of the bargains .... **Page 20**

Include me out: The all-inclusive holiday resort is under criticism as giving little economic benefit to local people and putting tourists at risk of food poisoning........ **Page 21**

Big adventures: Erica Wagner sails through a tale of spies at sea, M.R.D. Foot tells the U-boat story, Martin Rees journeys through time and space, Timothy Leary's awfully big adventure........ **Pages 36, 37**

Russia is doing its best to ignore Operation Sea Breeze 97, the large *military exercise that Nato is carry*ing out around the Crimean Penin*sula, but it has every reason to* be annoyed — *The Moscow Times*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Get your boarding cards at the ready for a new aviation magazine. *The Air Show* (BBC2, 8pm). **Review:** Peter Barnard suggests some essential viewing for Claire Short .... **Pages 42, 43**

OPINION

Louse upon a wheel

Mark Shayler had already provided ample *evidence of his own* untrustworthiness and unsuitabil*ity for intelligence work. It is the* agency's failure to see this which *will damage it most*........ **Page 17**

Land of danger

Washington must hope that Mr Jang can help it check the ballistic missiles programme as well; for it is these weapons above all that make North Korea the most dangerous country on earth .... **Page 17**

Undiscovered country

Those who yearn to see Libya's cultural heritage should be patient. All but the most desperate or determined should wait another few years before they visit........ **Page 17**

COLUMNS

MAGNUS LINKLATER

Lord Irvine recently posed the question of whether editors would prefer a law of privacy enacted by Parliament, or one created piecemeal by judges. There is no doubt of the answer .... **Page 16**

ROGER BOYES

How, after the discrediting of Nazi eugenics, could compulsory sterilisation of the racially and socially "inferior" be continued in the developed world?........ **Page 16**

PETER RIDDELL

The euphoric, Teflon-coated phase is now over. Mr Blair will have to start delivering on the promises made........ **Page 16**

Hans von Luck, panzer leader; **Christopher Harley**, landowner; **John Guest**, publisher........ **Page 19**

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25, 47, 31, 7, 22, 1. Bonus: 20. Set of balls: 6. Machine: Arthur. The guaranteed jackpot was £5 million.

BARRY GREENWOOD

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League tables:
Margaret Kenyon tells
Tim Jones the secrets
of Withington
School's success

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Alan Jackson reviews
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from Edwyn Collins

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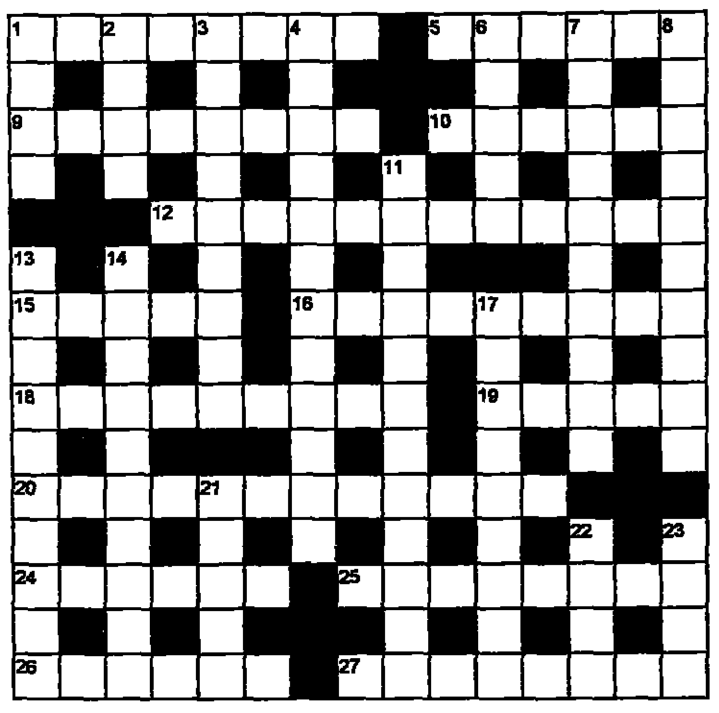

ACROSS

1 Bold mate he is in the main (8).
5 Tear about – about – about – about (6).
9 In part, the Spanish team is chosen by him (8).
10 Father takes girl around everywhere (6).
12 Title to pass to chap second in command (5-4,3).
15 Medal, we hear, for runner (5).
16 Coquette's beginning to forsake suitor for alternative (9).
18 Infantrymen shoot without restriction (9).
19 Proportion of it sweep holds back (5).
20 Unexpectedly a ladle's found in the soup (3,2,1,6).
24 Turn round phone for English speaker in Mexico (6).
25 Morphia's put out gnome (8).
26 Ploughman in control of boat (6).
27 This could stir up a violent but trivial storm (8).

DOWN

1 Take a quick breath and talk quietly (4).
2 Soft drink (4).
3 Red fissure in black rock (9).
4 "Dandy" circulated in three schools (7,5).
6 Once more making a profit (5).
7 Medicine that can remedy most lapses (5,5).
8 Thought motorway to be involved in crash (10).
11 Recipe for pastoral confusion? (9,3).
13 Untutored imp, in a way, can overcome anything (4-6).
14 Miss train – engineer's taken up line (10).
17 Light-fingered con rules a stir (9).
21 Music producing amnesia (5).
22 With a bit of luck, I lost more than two pounds (4).
23 Sign submariner is coming up (4).

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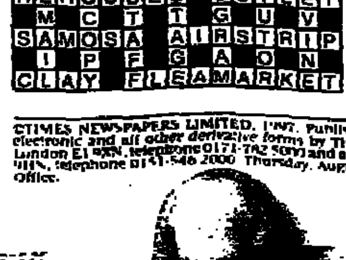

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Penzance 8.15 pm to 6.32 am

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** It will be a showery day across the *entire country. Northern Ireland and western* Scotland will have frequent, blustery showers. Wales, central and western parts of England will have sunny spells but showers will come along fairly regularly. In eastern parts of Scotland, southern and eastern England the showers will be more isolated and some parts may stay dry, with the best of the sunshine.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E, NE England:** dry at first with sunny spells, but *cloud will increase with a risk of showers this* afternoon. A moderate west to southwest wind. Max 21C (70F)

☐ ***Central S England, Midlands, Central N* England:** mainly dry this morning with sunny spells, but turning cloudy with a risk of a light shower. A moderate west to southwest wind. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** blustery with just a few sunny periods and some scattered showers. A moderate to fresh south to southwest wind. Max 19C (66F).

☐ ***Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee,* Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** mainly dry with sunny spells; chance of a shower. Moderate south wind. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** cool, cloudy and windy with outbreaks of heavy rain, possibly with some thunder. A strong south to southeast wind. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** rather windy with outbreaks of rain at first. Becoming drier and brighter with just the odd shower. A strong southeast wind. Max 18C (64F).

☐ ***Republic of Ireland:*** *mostly cloudy with* showers or longer spells of rain, but bright at times in the east. Wind south or southwest, fresh or strong. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Outlook:** showers will die out during Friday with all parts seeing some sunshine. On Saturday it will be cloudy with rain along Channel coasts and in western Scotland, but elsewhere dry with long sunny spells.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm. b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.3	0.06	17	63	r	Leeds	0.2	0.04	18	64	r
Anglesey	7.6	0.06	19	66	sh	Lerwick	10.4	-	18	64	s
Aspatria	3.6	0.04	20	68	r	Leuchars	1.8	0.17	17	63	r
Aviemore	2.6	0.09	18	64	r	Littlehmptn	1.6	0.15	20	68	r
Belfast	7.4	0.23	19	66	s	London	1.1	0.09	19	66	r
Birmingham	1.0	0.24	19	66	r	Lowestoft	2.2	0.18	20	68	r
Bognor R	1.9	0.02	20	68	r	Manchester	1.7	0.07	20	68	sh
Bournem'th	6.1	0.18	21	70	sh	Margate	2.1	0.19	19	66	r
Bristol	5.8	0.09	21	70	r	Minehead	10.0	0.53	21	70	s
Cardiff	7.3	0.27	20	68	sh	Morecambe	1.7	0.33	19	66	t
Clacton	2.5	0.17	19	66	r	Newcastle	3.2	0.03	19	66	r
Cleethorpes	0.1	0.20	19	66	r	Newquay	10.3	0.48	19	66	s
Colwyn Bay	4.8	0.08	21	70	sh	Norwich	2.1	0.03	20	68	c
Cromer	3.6	0.01	21	70	sh	Poole	5.9	0.08	23	73	s
Dunbar	4.0	0.14	19	66	sh	Prestatyn	X	0.07	20	68	sh
Eastbourne	0.9	0.30	18	64	r	Ross-o-wye	6.5	0.24	21	70	s
Edinburgh	3.5	0.07	19	66	r	Salcombe	9.3	0.30	21	70	s
Eskdalemuir	2.6	0.31	16	61	r	Saunton Snd	10.0	0.22	19	66	s
Exmouth	8.5	0.33	20	68	s	Shrewsbury	5.1	0.24	21	70	r
Fishguard	8.2	0.25	19	66	sh	Southend	0.7	0.16	22	72	sh
Folkestone	1.7	0.33	18	64	r	Southport	2.7	0.08	22	72	r
Glasgow	3.5	0.06	17	63	sh	Southsea	2.8	0.12	21	70	r
Guernsey	6.9	0.28	22	72	s	Stornoway	3.4	0.05	18	64	r
Hastings	1.2	0.38	17	63	r	Swanage	5.9	0.19	20	68	sh
Hayling I.	2.2	0.14	20	68	sh	Teignmouth	9.0	0.33	21	70	s
Herne Bay	1.9	0.17	21	70	sh	Tenby	9.0	0.53	19	66	sh
Hove	1.3	0.23	19	66	sh	Tiree	4.2	0.04	17	63	s
Isle-of-man	6.0	0.22	19	66	s	Torquay	8.7	0.42	21	70	s
Isle-of-wight	3.4	0.11	19	66	r	Weston-s-mare	7.4	0.12	22	72	s
Jersey	5.9	0.12	21	70	sh	Weymouth	7.9	0.07	20	68	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	26	79	s	Corfu	27	81	s	Majorca	26	79	f	Rome	29	84	f
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Amst'dm	22	72	f	Faro	24	75	s	Mexico C	13	55	c	Santiago	10	50	s
Athens	30	86	s	Florence	29	84	f	Miami	28	82	f	Seoul	29	84	c
B Aires	17	63	s	Frankfurt	23	73	r	Milan	29	84	s	Sing'por	32	90	f
Bahrain	33	91	s	Funchal	25	77	f	Montreal	24	75	s	St'kholm	28	82	s
Bangkok	32	90	f	Geneva	25	77	f	Moscow	28	82	s	Strasb'rg	25	77	f
Barbados	26	79	f	Gibraltar	27	81	s	Munich	26	79	f	Sydney	16	61	s
Barcelona	26	79	f	Helsinki	26	79	s	N Delhi	28	82	r	Tangier	25	77	f
Beirut	28	82	s	Hong K	29	84	s	N York	26	79	f	Tel Aviv	29	84	f
Belgrade	26	79	s	Innsbrck	27	81	s	Nairobi	22	72	f	Tenerife	26	79	f
Berlin	30	86	f	Istanbul	23	73	f	Naples	27	81	s	Tokyo	27	81	c
Bermuda	28	82	f	Jeddah	35	95	s	Nice	24	75	c	Toronto	21	70	f
Biarritz	23	73	f	Jo'burg	25	77	s	Oslo	23	73	f	Tunis	33	91	f
Borde'x	25	77	f	L Angels	25	77	s	Paris	23	73	s	Valencia	28	82	s
Brussels	21	70	r	L Palmas	26	79	s	Peking	31	88	s	Vanc'ver	17	63	r
Budapest	26	79	s	Le Touquet	21	70	f	Perth	19	66	f	Venice	27	81	f
Cairo	31	88	s	Lisbon	24	75	s	Prague	27	81	s	Vienna	27	81	s
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Locarno	26	79	s	Reykjavik	11	52	f	Warsaw	27	81	f
Ch'church	15	59	X	Luxembg	18	64	r	Rhodes	27	81	s	Wash'ton	24	75	c
Chicago	25	77	f	Luxor	39	102	s	Rio de J	20	68	f	Wel'ngton	15	59	Y
Cologne	23	73	c	Madrid	26	79	f	Riyadh	40	104	s	Zurich	24	75	f

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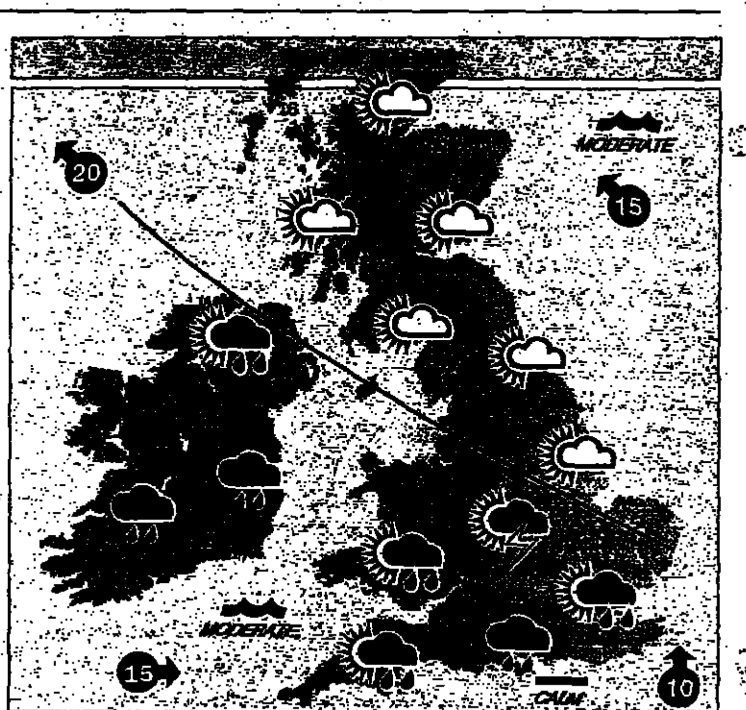

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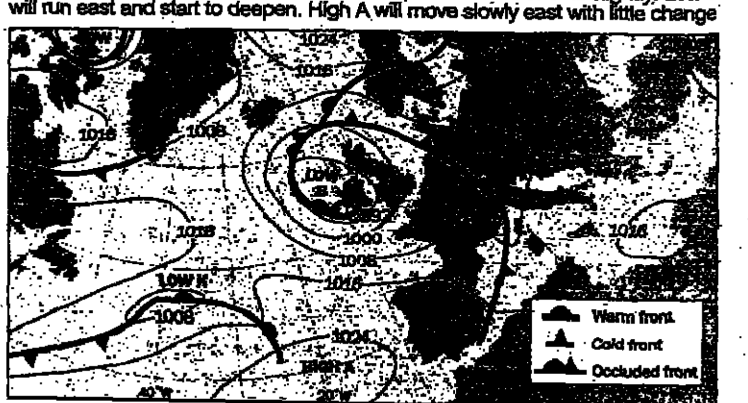

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Avonmouth	03.59	10.1	16.36	10.4	Lowestoft	06.50	2.3	19.44	2.3
Belfast	08.32	3.1	20.49	3.2	Margate	09.06	4.0	21.51	4.1
Cardiff	03.45	9.5	16.22	9.7	Milford Haven	03.19	5.3	16.00	5.5
Devonport	02.40	4.4	15.17	4.6	Newquay	02.19	5.4	14.59	5.6
Dover	08.25	5.6	21.01	5.6	Oban	03.54	3.0	16.33	3.1
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Falmouth	02.11	4.2	14.49	4.4	Portland	03.44	1.2	16.22	1.4
Greenock	09.56	2.9	22.05	3.0	Portsmouth	09.00	3.9	21.23	4.0
Harwich	08.49	3.3	21.33	3.4	Shoreham	08.27	4.8	21.03	4.9
Holyhead	08.03	4.6	20.35	4.8	Southampton	08.18	3.9	20.48	4.0
Hull (Albert D)	03.25	7.3	16.07	7.3	Swansea	03.09	7.4	15.47	7.5
Ilfracombe	03.02	7.1	15.40	7.3	Tees	00.46	4.4	13.23	4.5
King's Lynn	03.30	5.2	16.17	5.3	Walton-on-N	08.50	3.5	21.29	3.5

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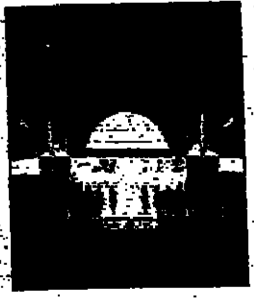

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Board stands by strategy of chief who walked out

Troubled WH Smith rules out break-up

By Paul Durman

WH Smith, the stores group that recently lost its chief executive, has ruled out breaking itself up into its constituent businesses as a way out of its present difficulties.

Jeremy Hardie, chairman, said the board remained committed to the strategy it embarked on under the leadership of Bill Cockburn, who controversially quit after only 18 months to take up a senior job with British Telecom. That did not involve the sale of any more businesses, or a break-up.

Analysts have suggested that the demerger of the main store chain from Smith's other businesses, including Waterstone's book shops and Virgin Our Price, the music chain, could release £500 million more than the group's current stock market value of about £1.1 billion. Mr Hardie said: "There's a huge gap between doing that arithmetic, which takes about four minutes, and thinking it's a good idea."

Hardie: "huge gap"

Keith Hamill, finance director, denied suggestions that he had been "hawking" the idea of a break-up around City institutions. But he was more circumspect than Mr Hardie when asked if he was in favour of such action, saying that "what the board will decide to do through an orderly process is what Jeremy has outlined. That is a formulation that the entire board has agreed".

Meanwhile, it emerged that Mr Cockburn has agreed to waive the £35,000 or so he was due to receive in salary for next month, before joining BT in October. Mr Cockburn has been criticised for walking out on the company only 18 months into what he had described as four-year turnround.

Mr Hardie said none of the four candidates interviewed for the post had suggested that Smith's strategy was wrong. The candidates include Stuart Rose, who recently left Burton, and Alan Giles, John Hancock and Richard Handover, respectively the heads of Waterstone's, Smith's US businesses, and the group's magazine and newspaper distribution business. It is believed a decision will be made shortly.

The group announced a 39 per cent improvement in underlying pre-tax profits to £124 million. Mr Hardie said this was at the low end of City expectations because a £6 million write-off of slow moving music, videos and books in the main retail business, which is regarded as the group's main problem.

The recent Budget changes on the taxation of dividend income prompted Smith to write off £73 million of previously recognised profits arising from its lengthy pension fund contribution holiday. This cut pre-tax profits to £51 million. Last year the group incurred a loss of £194 million, the first in its 200 year history.

Profits at WH Smith Retail rose from £41 million to £43 million on sales 1.5 per cent higher at £788 million. In the first 11 weeks of the current year, sales are up 3 per cent, or 2 per cent on a like-for-like basis.

Across the group as a whole, the first 11 weeks' sales are 9 per cent higher, or 7 per cent like-for-like. This encouraging start helped Smith's shares to recover early losses, closing 9p higher at 376½p.

Waterstone's increased profits a third to £20 million on sales 11 per cent higher at £200 million. Virgin Our Price saw a £4 million decline to £14 million because of a lack of big releases. However, this half will be helped by the new Oasis album, which sold 104,000 copies through Virgin Our Price on its release date last Thursday. WH Smith Retail sold a further 42,000 copies over the first three days.

The news distribution business raised profits £9 million to £44 million, helped by £4 million of cost savings.

WH Smith will pay a final dividend of 10.4p a share to maintain the total at 15.65p.

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Carl Lewis opting for pedal power yesterday with Trialtir's dual action mountain bike

Miners join forces in effort to save Asfordby

By Jason Nissé

SENIOR officials of the National Union of Mineworkers and the Union of Democratic Mineworkers have joined together for the first time since the split during the 1984-85 miners' strike in an attempt to save Asfordby, the Leicestershire superpit closed last week by RJB Mining.

Despite opposition from Arthur Scargill, the NUM president, Peter Smith, the secretary of the Leicestershire NUM, yesterday travelled to the UDM headquarters at Mansfield in Nottinghamshire for a summit on Asfordby. Also at the meeting were Neil Greatrex, the UDM president, Andy Wilkie of Nacods, the pit deputies' union, and David Taylor, the MP for Leicestershire North West.

After the meeting Mr Smith, whose union represents a third of the 450 Asfordby miners, said: "We've had 13 years of politics but we've got 13 weeks to save the pit. Our members have instructed me to do whatever I can to keep the pit open. I'm expressing the views of my members."

The meeting took place despite Mr Scargill's opposition and with the NUM leader refusing to acknowledge that it would take place. "We've nothing but contempt of the UDM and will not sit down with the UDM," he said. "Despite requests, RJB Mining has refused to allow union vice-president Frank Cave and myself a visit to Asfordby to make an assessment of the situation."

The UDM split from the NUM during the 1984-85 strike, which the NUM lost after fighting for nearly a year. The last offical contact between the unions was in December 1985.

The closure of the £360 million mine has not only brought a split within the NUM, but also within the Labour Party. David Taylor, who won his seat from the Conservatives in May, yesterday called on John Battle, the Energy Minister, to intervene, something Mr Battle has resolutely refused to do.

"We need the Labour Party to come out and give us full support to show commitment to the coal industry," said Mr Taylor. "I'm going to contact John Battle's office today and try to get a meeting to lobby him."

RJB, which has spent £40 million on the mine in the past two years, claimed geological problems were behind its closure. The Mansfield meeting yesterday was hoping to consider a report from Alan Dubbs, the UDM's mining engineer, refuting this.

But his report has been delayed because RJB refused to allow him down to the coalface. The UDM hopes to have the report next week which it can show to prospective purchasers of Asfordby.

An RJB spokesman said the coalface was flooded and unsafe, and that £6 million of equipment was stuck in an irrecoverable position. "We have allowed the engineer access to every part of the pit we consider to be safe."

RJB is starting to remove mining equipment from the rest of the pit, a move which has angered Asfordby miners.

The company is also planning to take up to 300 of the Asfordby miners to visit three other pits where RJB hopes to offer them jobs. The nearest, Dawmill in Warwickshire, is over 25 miles away from Asfordby and the other two are in Yorkshire.

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FTSE 100	4906.9	(+20.6)
Yield	3.37%	
FTSE All share	2313.32	(+7.28)
Nikkei	18441.94	(-373 04)
New York:		
Dow Jones	7741.34	(-40.88)*
S&P Composite	908.88	(-4.14)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5⅝%*	(5½%)
Long Bond	96²¹⁄₃₂*	(96⁷⁄₁₆)
Yield	6.64%*	(6.65%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	7⅛%	(7⅛%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	114⁹⁄₃₂	(114⁷⁄₁₆)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6100*	(1.6115)
London:		
$	1.6118	(1.6127)
DM	2.9170	(2.9036)
FFr	9.8242	(9.7882)
SFr	2.4122	(2.4016)
Yen	191.50	(191.15)
£ Index	101.9	(101.6)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.8103*	(1.7975)
FFr	6.0935*	(6.0550)
SFr	1.4968*	(1.4845)
Yen	118.88*	(118.12)
$ Index	105.7	(105.5)

Tokyo close Yen 118.84

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Nov) $18.55 ($18.40)

GOLD

London close $324.85 ($324.85)

* denotes midday trading price

Widening

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Building up

Marley, the construction company, expects house building activity in Britain to remain unaffected by the four interest rate rises since the General Election.
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Trialtir wheels out a champion

CARL LEWIS, the US Olympic sprint champion, is the big-money name promoting a tiny company that says it wants to float on London's junior stock market (Adam Jones writes).

Trialtir wants to join the Alternative Investment Market and raise £1 million from a placing through Cheviot Capital, valuing it at £4.25 million.

It has international rights to make and sell a mountain bike that can also be propelled by pulling on the handlebar. The bike will be sold through the QVC television shopping channel and other outlets.

Trialtir, about 70 per cent owned by its directors, said its operations made a profit of £56,000 for the nine months ended June 30. It claims it could make profits of £1.875 million before tax.

Fidelity's flagship fund to turn away investors

By Paul Durman

FIDELITY MAGELLAN, the world's largest pooled investment fund, is to turn away new investors to prevent itself from growing more unwieldy.

The fund, the US flagship of Fidelity Investments, of Boston, had net assets of almost $63 billion (£39 billion) at the end of last month. This is more than the total funds managed by all but the biggest British investment and insurance groups, and is 20 times the size of the largest UK investment trust, Foreign & Colonial.

The size and reputation of Magellan, with its 4.3 million customer accounts, means that its actions are closely watched by followers of the US stock market. It can trigger big price movements when it changes its thinking on industry sectors.

Fidelity has said it will accept no new accounts for Magellan after the end of next month. It believes that the fund may be about to become more difficult to manage because of an anticipated flood of new money, prompted by a substantial improvement in the fund's investment performance since Bob Stansky took over its management in June last year.

Inflows have already picked up noticeably in recent weeks. Robert Pozen, president and chief executive of Fidelity Management & Research, said that limiting access to the fund would allow Mr Stansky to "continue to manage the fund in the most effective manner for its shareholders".

The decision not to close to new investors until the end of next month is itself likely to encourage a rush to invest. Fidelity said it believed this notice period would be sufficiently short to prevent an unwieldy rush of inflows.

Magellan suffered a year of poor performance in 1995, prompting a wave of criticism of Fidelity, which responded with a series of management changes. In all, Magellan has 463 holdings in US companies, including giants of US industry such as General Electric, Philip Morris, IBM, Oracle and Microsoft.

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BT and MCI stand firm on advisers' fees

By Eric Reguly

BRITISH TELECOM and MCI are refusing to increase the fees paid to their advisers even though the merger of the companies had to be renegotiated and is substantially delayed.

BT and MCI, America's second-largest long-distance phone company, disclosed in a US Securities and Exchange Commission filing in March that they expected to pay about $118 million (£74 million) to financial and legal advisers, accountants and printers.

The largest single amount, $47 million, was to be paid by BT, whose advisers were Rothschild Inc of New York, its sister company NM Rothschild & Sons in London, and Morgan Stanley, the Wall Street bank. Linklaters & Paines handled the legal work in Britain. In spite of pressure from the advisers, BT is expected to keep the fee schedule largely intact. The advisers began working on the merger in mid-1996 and their work effectively doubled this summer, when MCI put out a surprise profits warning. The price was reduced by more than 15 per cent.

The transatlantic merger ranks among the lengthiest and most complex in corporate history. One BT official said: "I remember walking into a room and it was wall-to-wall lawyers. There must have been 25 of them. I asked Iain Vallance [BT's chairman], what the collective noun for lawyers was, and he said 'a suit'."

Vallance: "a suit of lawyers"

Shell to shake-up its forecourt service

By Fraser Nelson

SHELL will today announce that it is to ditch up to 30 of its 50 forecourt suppliers as part of an internal shake-up designed to create a new breed of "convenience store" forecourts.

The company, whose petrol profits have been hit by a forecourt price war, is to award a £100 million contract to Hays, the logistics company, and introduce a new range of own-label products. Shell will take direct control over every product it orders for its forecourts. Hays will distribute 90 per cent of its goods.

The reforms will affect each of the petrol company's 850 wholly owned forecourts, most of which are open for 24 hours. City-based forecourts will specialise in chilled food, while motorway stations will sell fast food that can be consumed in a car. Shell is currently negotiating the purchase of Gulf's 450 outlets. The 800 Shell service stations under private ownership are to be given the option as to whether they accept the new system.

BP last month scrapped its smaller suppliers and agreed a similar arrangement with Hays. However, BP handed the management of its forecourt stations over to Safeway on the ground that, as a petrol retailer, it was ill-equipped to understand the food retailing market.

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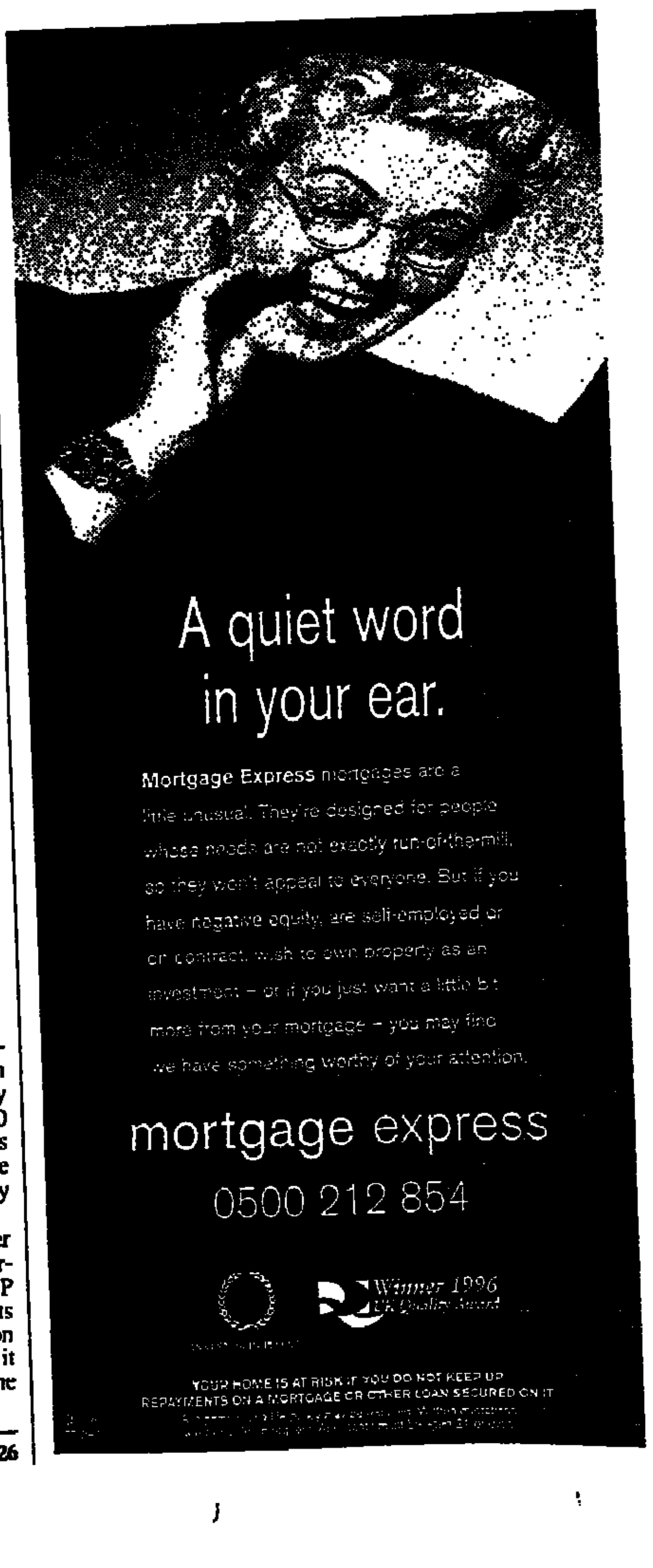

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Deal lifts British Borneo

Shares in British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate rose 14p to 474p after news of a further investment in deep water oil exploration in the Gulf of Mexico.

British Borneo is paying $37.5 million for a 60 per cent working interest in the Allegheny Field development. offshore of Louisiana.

Reserves from Allegheny are estimated to be 52 million barrels. with four wells already drilled.

Sites bought

Rushmere Wynne, the book publisher and printer, is to buy Coutts Consulting Group's residential training division for £6.5 million. The deal includes Eynsham Hall in Oxfordshire and Chewton Place near Bath. Coutts Consulting revealed pre-tax losses for the first half of this year of £7.7 million (£1.52 million profit). The dividend has been passed.

BIR sale

Macdonald Hotels has acquired a 50 per cent interest in Barratt International Resorts, a subsidiary of Barratt Developments, for £3 million and has agreed to assume debts of £800,000. BIR has six leisure resorts in Britain and three in Spain with a total of 30,000 timeshare owners.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.29	2.11
Austria Sch	21.53	19.87
Belgium Fr	63.45	58.49
Canada $	2.375	2.187
Cyprus Cyp£	0.903	0.832
Denmark Kr	11.70	10.81
Finland Mkk	9.31	8.58
France Fr	10.29	9.51
Germany Dm	3.08	2.84
Greece Dr	485	446
Hong Kong $	13.29	12.09
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.15	1.06
Israel Shk	5.99	5.34
Italy Lira	3013	2778
Japan Yen	206.73	189.20
Malta	0.671	0.612
Netherlds Gld	3.479	3.184
New Zealand $	2.68	2.42
Norway Kr	12.70	11.76
Portugal Esc	308.53	286.50
S Africa Rd	8.29	7.33
Spain Pta	257.79	239.00
Sweden Kr	13.52	12.42
Switzerland Fr	2.57	2.35
Turkey Lira	276889	257011
USA $	1.719	1.578

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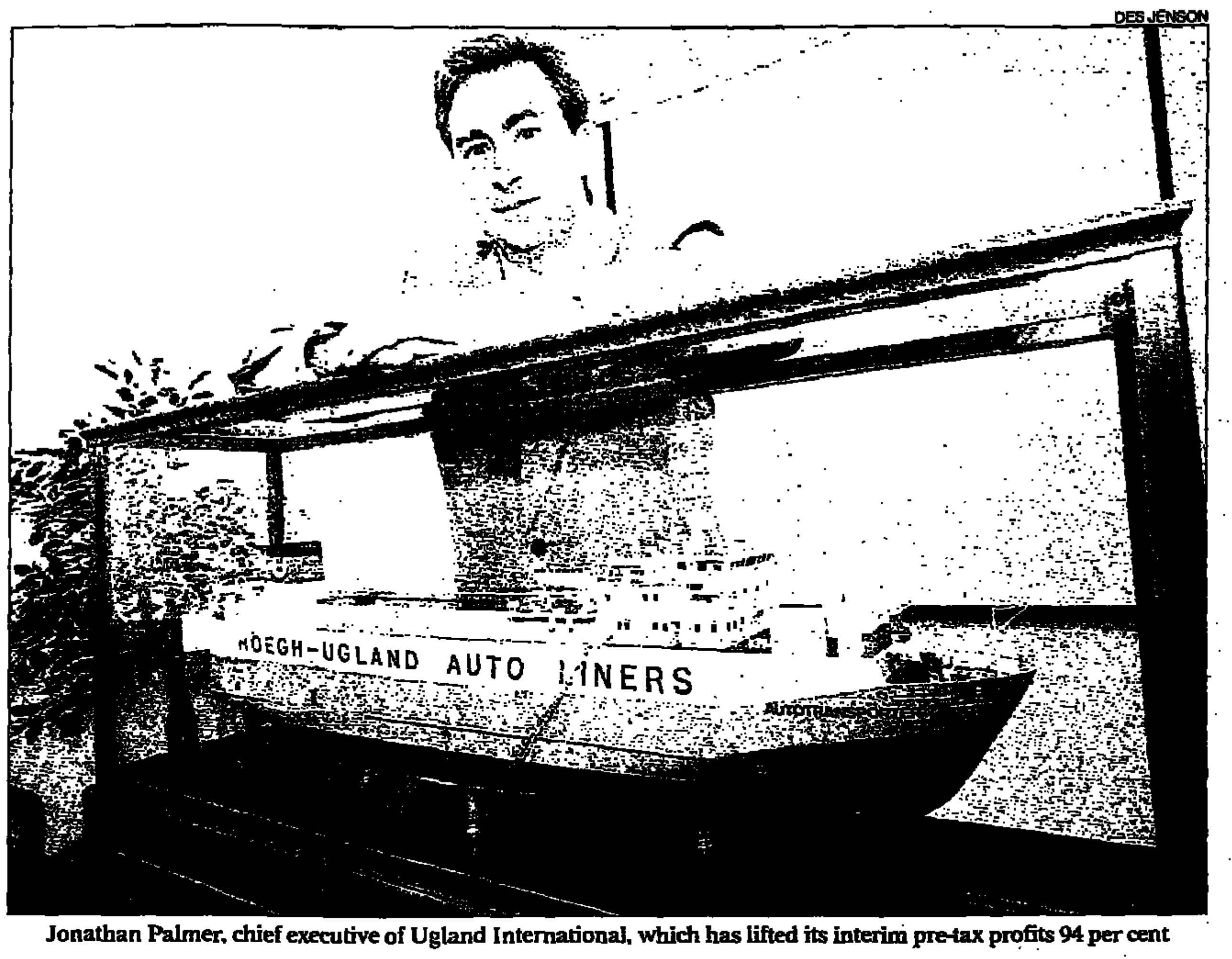

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Jonathan Palmer, chief executive of Ugland International, which has lifted its interim pre-tax profits 94 per cent

Ugland set to pay more for carriers

UGLAND International, the shipping group, expects to pay an extra $20 million (£12.8 million) for seven car carriers bought last year for $160 million (George Sivell writes).

The carriers were acquired from members of the Ugland family in a restructuring of the quoted company and family interests. The three-year earnout part of the deal is, however, limited to $40 million, with a maximum of $20 million in any one year.

Ugland, one-third owned by the family, lifted pre-tax profits 94 per cent, to £6.22 million, in the half year to June 30, aided by the seven car carriers.

Sales rose from £30 million to £47 million. Earnings per share fell from 6.59p to 4.60p after an increase in shares: the dividend falls from 2.63p to 2p. The payout has been balanced between the two halves now that Ugland has lost seasonality by diversifying out of refrigerated cargo. The £219,000 tax charge for the half reflects Ugland's Cayman Islands base.

Trade gap points up strong pound's effect on exporters

By Alasdair Murray
Economics Correspondent

BRITAIN'S trade deficit widened in June, providing the first firm evidence that the strong pound is hurting exporters.

The global trade gap increased from £733 million to £950 million as import growth, boosted by the consumer boom, outstripped growth in exports.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) said that the latest evidence suggested the deficit would continue to widen, although it said that the data remained erratic.

But the deficit for trade with non-European Union members in July fell from £713 million to £65 million — its lowest level for two years.

The ONS said that the sharp decline was mainly down to "erratics", including the major sale of an an oil drilling platform to Norway.

Economists said the wider than expected global trade deficit was mainly the result of a fall in the oil surplus, which declined to its lowest level for nearly four years. The underlying trade deficit, excluding oil and erratics, closed slightly to £974 million, from £1.14 billion in May.

Simon Briscoe, director of research at Nikko Europe, forecast that with forward indicators pointing to a decline in export confidence the deficit was likely to widen in the coming months. He said: "The corner probably has been turned — the deficit is widening, but it is still modest and the deterioration will be gentle."

But Adam Cole, UK economist at James Capel, said: "The latest trade figures are further confirmation that sterling's appreciation is failing to hit export volumes significantly."

He claimed that underlying export volume figures suggested exporters were weathering the rise in the pound.

In the second quarter, export volumes, excluding oil and erratics, increased 5 per cent. In contrast, underlying export prices have fallen 5.6 per cent in the past year, suggesting exporters have been cutting margins to preserve sales.

The pound yesterday recovered some lost ground against the mark as it tracked the dollar higher. Sterling closed up over a pfennig at DM2.9151 after concern over a German rate rise had initially prompted the pound to fall to a two-month low.

Sterling's trade-weighted index also closed up 0.3 at 101.9, while the FTSE 100 saw its first rise in three days, finishing up 20.6 points at 4,906.9 in thin trading.

☐ The UK harmonised index of consumer prices jumped from 1.7 per cent to 2 per cent in July. The HICP is used by the EU to compare inflation across member states.

Smaller firms prefer share options

By Christine Buckley

SMALL and medium-sized companies are relying on share options as incentives for directors in spite of Greenbury recommendations that longer-term plans should be used.

Some 82 per cent of industrial and service companies outside the FTSE 100 use only share options to reward top staff, according to a survey of more than 1,000 companies, while 74 per cent of small and medium-sized quoted financial and property firms depend on share options instead of long-term incentive plans.

Monks Partnership, the remuneration consultancy that conducted the survey, found that FTSE 100 companies have scaled back their use of share options in the wake of the Greenbury report on executive pay and in response to pressure from institutional shareholders. Large companies using only share options as incentives fell from 22 per cent in Monks's 1996 survey to 17 per cent this year. Those FTSE 100 businesses using some form of options — either exclusively or mixed with other incentives — fell from 71 to 53 per cent.

David Atkins, a Monks consultant, said: "Many smaller companies prefer straightforward share options because they are clearer to monitor."

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Oxford GlycoSciences postpones flotation

OXFORD GLYCOSCIENCES, the drug development company, looks highly unlikely to proceed with its planned stock market flotation this year after raising £8 million through a private share placing. The new money will allow the company, which is valued at more than £100 million, to fund its research activities for another year. This will enable it to avoid trying to raise money by floating while the stock market remains unenthusiastic about loss-making biotechnology firms.

Chris Ashton, Oxford GlycoSciences general manager for research products, insisted the company may still float towards the end of this year. However, the new money gives it more time to advance work on its lead products, including a cancer drug in phase 1 trials, and to secure a partnership deal for its core technology — a system of analysing proteins to identify therapeutic targets and disease markers.

Rolls wins £46m order

ROLLS-ROYCE has won a £46.6 million order for engines on Continental Airlines aircraft. The UK company, which today is due to report half-year results, received the order for the RB211-535 engines after the airline's decision to convert into firm orders five options for 16 additional aircraft that it announced in April. The new aircraft are to be delivered in June and December next year and February and March 1999. Rolls-Royce Canada has signed an agreement with the airline to repair and overhaul the RB211-535E4 engines on its 757 fleet.

Society head to retire

BILL MIDGLEY, the chief executive of the Newcastle Building Society, is to retire with effect from July 1, next year. Robert Hollinshead, who joined the society as finance director in August 1992, has been appointed to succeed him. Tony Glenton, chairman of the Newcastle, said: "Bill Midgley has served the society with great distinction as chief executive for the past 12 years and deserves much of the credit for the size and strength of our business." Mr Midgley is likely to follow some of his many business and charitable interests.

T&B buys Irish company

TIBBETT & BRITTEN, the transport group, has acquired Neptune Freight, a privately owned Irish company based in Dublin with revenues of Ir£3.3 million (£3.1 million) and net assets of Ir£4.3 million in 1996. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed. Neptune Freight is a logistics service provider, offering nationwide domestic distribution of a range of merchandise. The company is also involved in the provision of European and worldwide import and export services on behalf of Irish and overseas clients.

New chief for panel

PETER GOLDSMITH, QC, has been appointed as the new chairman of the Financial Reporting Review Panel, succeeding Edwin Glasgow, QC, who retires after five years in the role. Mr Goldsmith, who has been a member of the panel since 1985, will continue to practise at the Bar because the chairmanship is a part-time role. The FRRP reviews the accounts of public and large private companies to see whether they comply with the Companies Act and relevant accounting standards.

Record for Readymix

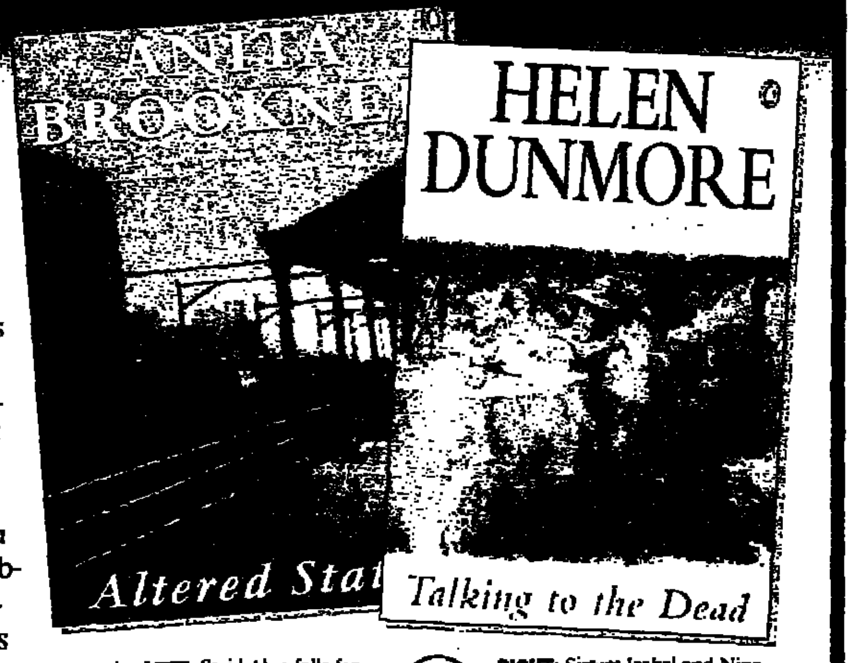
READYMIX, the construction company, increased pre-tax profits 66 per cent to £6.5 million in the six months to June 30. The company said the record profits resulted from the contribution arising from the acquisition of RMC-Catherwood. The company said: "A buoyant economy in the Republic of Ireland ensured the continued expansion of the construction sector." Earnings per share rose 24 per cent to 9.75p and the dividend was increased 20 per cent to 1.56p.

Wiggins damages claim

WIGGINS, the property group, yesterday launched a damages claim against Brent Council over the building of a leisure centre at Kingsbury, northwest London. The company claims the council failed to deliver promised incentives. Wiggins has made a £2.5 million provision against the development, which has been put on hold. Meanwhile, Wiggins reported pre-tax profits of £4.9 million (£1 million) in the year to March 31. Earnings per share were 0.66p (0.2p). There is no dividend.

Domnick Hunter ahead

DOMNICK HUNTER, the filtration systems manufacturer, yesterday reported a 9.1 per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £4.2 million to £4.6 million in the six months to June 30. Turnover was £31 million (£26 million) and earnings per share were 9.1p (8p). An interim dividend of 3.168p (2.88p) will be paid on October 17. The company said it had made a strong start to the second half, although the strength of sterling would affect performance. It expects satisfactory full-year results.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THE TIMES

Professionals make up 41% of unions

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

A TRADE union member is far more likely to be a doctor or lawyer than a factory worker. Figures from the Trades Union Congress show that professionals such as managers, teachers, doctors and social workers now account for more than four in ten of all trade union members.

The percentage has climbed to 41 per cent in 1996 from 32 per cent in 1995, according to a Labour Force Survey. Just 13 per cent of union members are plant and machine operatives while sales workers make up only 3 per cent of the total.

Total union membership last year stood at 6.9 million people, down from 7.2 million the previous year. Unions are expecting membership to grow under the Labour Government and its commitment to union recognition in the workplace where more than half of the staff demands it. But figures have not yet started to feed through to the TUC.

The north-south divide is still evident in union membership, with more than 40 per cent of workers in the north of England and Wales members compared with just 23 per cent in the south of England excluding Greater London.

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In accordance with Rule 4.106 I, S V Freakley of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF give notice that on (A) (B) & (C) 13th August 1997 and (D) (E) (F) & (G) 14th August 1997 I was appointed Liquidator by resolutions of members.

Notice is also hereby given that the creditors of the above named Companies, which are being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 31ST SEPTEMBER 1997 to send in their full names, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned S V Freakley of 84 Grosvenor Street, London, London W1X 9DF, the Liquidator of the said Companies, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.

Note: This notice is purely formal. All creditors have been or will be paid in full.
Dated 21st August 1997
S V FREAKLEY, Liquidator

RULE 4.106 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Lynwood Joinery (1992) Limited
IN LIQUIDATION

TAKE NOTICE THAT I, the undersigned Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Herts AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Lynwood Joinery (1992) Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on 20th August 1997.
Nigel John Hamilton-Smith
Liquidator
DATED this 20th day of August 1997

CLARENDON COURT HOTEL LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor) London, W2 6LF, on 18th September 1997 at 2.00 pm for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq. It is not intended to propose any resolutions at the meeting, concerning Liquidators remuneration, however the meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting.

A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated this 21st August 1997
Sigrid Sim, Director

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DATED THIS 21st August 1997
Jonathan Fatsman Director

No. 003440 of 1997
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CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF SPEYWOOD GROUP LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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IN LIQUIDATION

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Nigel John Hamilton-Smith
Liquidator
DATED this 20th day of August 1997

The Estate of the late Lydia Rashead

Be it known that Lydia Joan Rashead of 13B Ladbroke Square London W11 died on 22 December 1977. Since here husband Mr Kaleb Rashead also died on 11 July 1997 her only heirs are:
a. Roxana Rashead Aged 39
b. Yasmina Amalia Dickie Aged 37
c. Farwah Nasil Rashead Aged 35
Any objection must be lodged within 7 days to the undersigned at the address below, or at the Pakistan High Commission, 35 Lowndes Square, London, SW1.
Roxana Rashead
c/o Royds Treadwell, Solicitors (ref. AMA)
2 Crane Court, Fleet Street, London, EC4A 2BJ.

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I A Manning Joint Administrative Receiver
18 August 1997

In the matter of Bravmoor Limited
and
In the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986
Registered number 01422895
Former company name(s) None
Trading name
Nature of business Aggregates
Trade classification 11
Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s) 20 August 1997
Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s) Lloyds Bank Plc
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Still grim reading at WH Smith

COMMENTARY

by our City Editor

When Bill Cockburn disgracefully walked out on his £425,000 a year job as chief executive of WH Smith Group two months ago, he cost his shareholders £100 million of stock market value. Despite his departure, 18 months into what he had described as a four-year turnaround, the books and music retailer is determined to stick to the strategy that he had devised. Should ivestors be as sanguine as Jeremy Hardie about this?

The issue for WH Smith remains the same as ever: how does it make money from its flagship chain in the high street? Mr Hardie, the chairman, insists there is a big market for a mainstream store specialising (specialising?) in books, videos, music and stationery — all areas where the group has market *shares of 20 per cent or more, although this includes the Virgin* Our Prie music *stores* and Waterstone's book shops. He insists that WH Smith can be and is being turned around.

The trouble is, we only have his word for it. It is *impossible* to *discern* any significant improvement from yesterday's full-year results, which show the profits from WH Smith Retail creeping ahead from £41 million to £43 million, with sales rising by only 1.5 per cent. It was being suggested *in some quarters yesterday that* this understates the true improvement because Beverley Hodson, the newly appointed (and therefore still unproven) managing director, has insisted on £6 million of stock writedowns. But a year ago Mr Cockburn was claiming that by focusing on a narrower range of stock, the group was freeing up the equivalent *of 50 new* stores. There is *certainly no evidence of the sort* of substantial improvement implied by those remarks, and Mr Hardie concedes that not all Smith's store innovations have proved successful. The answer, he says, does not lie in a new format for the stores. It is much more mundane, and involves *better buying, tighter stock control and generally more efficient* organisation.

Well, we will see. In the meantime, Mr Hardie has ruled out the option of breaking up the group. His most pressing job is to select Mr Cockburn's successor from the highly publicised list of candidates. *Mr Hardie says, in* interviews, none of the four has suggested the group's strategy is wrong — but then, in the circumstances, that is perhaps hardly surprising. Stuart Rose, formerly *of Burton, is currently without a job, and the other three confirmed* candidates are internal barons. It is also clear that Keith Hamill, Smith's generally well-regarded finance director, does not share Mr Hardie's *conviction that the* group should rule out a breakup. It is true that the *main* problem facing the group seems to require retailing skills but it still seems odd for the ambitious Mr Hamill to rule himself out of the race for the top job — unless *he is unwilling to agree to the terms on which it is offered.*

Is Mr Hardie keeping Smith's options open, or is he essentially seeking a yes-man? Shareholders should find out.

Smaller firms take the best option

Thanks to the meddling of those who see the corporate governance debate as a career opportunity, major companies have been encouraged *to find* ever more complicated ways of incentivising their management. The details of directors' bonus schemes and their various long-term incentive *plans can now spread over several pages in annual reports.*

But it *seems it is only* the big boys who have succumbed to the deliberations of the Greenbury Committee, the agitating of PIRC, and the expensive advice of that latest breed of corporate piranha, the remuneration consultancy.

The cheering news is that the majority of quoted companies outside the Footsie are sticking with share option schemes as the means of motivating managers.

They are not stupid to see the merit in keeping things simple. Share options provide a straightforward way of *harnessing the aims of management to the* desires of investors, surely the essence of what most shareholders want from good corporate governance, even if the demands of PIRC's Anne Simpson and her colleagues go *somewhat further.*

There are issues over the level at which options should be priced and the number that *should be issued, but the principle of turning managers into long-term shareholders* has obvious logic.

New research shows that the number of FTSE companies now relying solely on share options has dropped from 22 per cent to 17 per cent in the last year, with a consequent increase, *no doubt*, in *the fees paid to remuneration consultants and the boardroom time devoted to the subject of* pay. In the next tier of the stock market, however, an overwhelming 82 per cent of industrial and service companies are sticking loyally to share options, and *share options alone.*

Major investors *may* have been persuaded that something more is needed if key individuals are to be tied into companies for several years but loyalty that cannot be bought by a raft of maturing *share options is hardly likely to* be secured by *any more complicated* scheme. The only sure beneficiaries of the schemes are the consultants who are paid to devise them. Perhaps it is an indication of their own suspicions that the market for expensive advice may be drying up that one major consultancy, Monks Partnership, has produced a 100-page study *entitled: Long Term Rewards — Choosing the Right Plan.* Yours for just £195.

Pleasure palaces to please planners

According to that strange breed known as "futurists", we were *supposed* to be heading for a period of "cocooning", in which, afeared of what was going on outside, we would cling to our hearths and indulge in comfort food.

But not yet. Spending on entertainment outside the home *is soaring to record levels, with cinema attendances now double* the level to which they had recently sunk, restaurants erupting in unlikely places and, regrettably, a glut of ghastly formulaic new pubs.

The *huge leisure complex* is today's sought-after investment. But, while the punters may be enthusiastic about such developments, planners tend to be less than happy about playing host to a pleasure palace *unless the scheme is a dramatic improvement on what was there before.*

On the basis of this simple truth, property people are becoming increasingly enthusiastic about the prospects for two companies that have already made their mark on the English landscape, Blue Circle and RMC. The cast-off of *the first* is already being *turned into* Bluewater Park, *the upmarket new shopping centre in Kent. The second can* claim responsibility for Thorpe Park, scene of many a princely splashing on the log flume.

Both could provide sites for more imaginative developments for the public pleasure. Fill in a pit with water, line up the jet skis, and away you go. Surely *only the meanest planner would find* fault with that.

Marshall law

SIR Colin Marshall has surprised many with the ease with which he has given up his *hands on role at British Airways. Now he has a raft of other involvements,* ranging from drumming up investment for London through London First to a host of directorships. But as BA admits that, having been buffeted by strike action, it is *now turning away business at* Heathrow, is it *time for Sir Colin* to be just a little less of a non-executive chairman?

Rate rises will not hit new homes, says Marley

By Oliver August

MARLEY, the construction *materials company, expects* housebuilding activity *in* Britain to remain unaffected by the four consecutive interest rate rises since the May general election.

Tony Alexander, chairman, said: "During the remainder of the year, we expect *new housebuilding activity in the* UK to be *maintained* at the current level and favourable trading conditions to continue in most of our overseas markets."

Prices for some of Marley's key products are likely to go up by the *end of the* year. Mr Alexander said: "With clay and concrete product prices up by 10 per cent and an increase in housing in the South East and the West *Midlands*, we are *expecting* a *busy autumn.*"

Marley yesterday unveiled an 11 per cent increase, to £29 million, in pre-tax profits before exceptionals. The results were adversely affected by the strong pound, which inflicted £2.3 million in translation costs. Mr Alexander *said: "Almost three quarters of our* earnings are coming from overseas."

While the UK market is still only just recovering from the severe recession of the early 1990s, trading conditions in most overseas markets improved *significantly in the first half*, compared with a year earlier. On top of the higher activity, foreign subsidiaries also improved their financial results through increased efficiencies, Marley said.

The only "disappointment" in overseas markets was *South Africa, which saw only* slow growth, Mr Alexander said. America and Germany were the best-performing subsidiaries. The growth in Germany came as a surprise. Most analysts still regard the German construction sector as the sick man of Europe.

Marley is continuing to pursue its strategy of overseas expansion and hinted that it is looking for small bolt-on acquisitions. The company purchased the Flexco commercial flooring business of Robbins Inc, in America, for £24.8 *million earlier this month.* Marley said *that the* acquisition, which is aimed at expanding its plastics business, will be completed on tomorrow. Mr Alexander said: "With the clearance of US regulatory requirements, the *agreements is now* unconditional."

Marley's interim dividend, to be paid on October 31, was left unchanged at 2.1p, but the company said that it expects to increase the final dividend. Earnings per *share* went up from 4.2p to 5p. Pre-tax *profits* after exceptionals fell to £24.5 million, from £63.2 million.

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James Keen

Our report (September 25, 1996) "UBS fined over concealed £9m losses" dealt with the outcome of disciplinary proceedings *brought by the Securities and Futures Authority* against UBS and two of its traders, one of whom was James Keen. We wish to make it clear that the SFA never suggested that Mr Keen deliberately concealed losses or conducted secret *trades, or that he* acted dishonestly. We apologise for any embarrassment caused if our report was understood to suggest otherwise.

Topps up

Topps Tiles, the chain of specialist tile shops that came to the market in June, lifted pro-forma pretax *profits* 25 per cent *from* £2 million to £2.5 million in the year to May 31. Adjusted pro-forma earnings per share were 10p (6.56p), with current like-for-like sales growing 16 per cent.

Beales blow

Beales Hunter, the refrigeration and electrical components company, suffered *a fall in pre-tax profits to £2.11 million (£3.28 million) in the year to May 31.* Earnings fell to 14.2p a share from 21.8p. The final dividend is maintained at 7.8p a share, leaving the total unchanged at 10.7p.

Keller ahead

Keller, the ground engineering business, reported a *modest 2.2 per cent rise in* pre-tax *profits to* £4.7 million *(£4.6 million)* for the six months to June 30. Earnings were 5.2p (4.7p) a share. An interim dividend of 2.1p (1.95p) will be paid on October 31. The group's overseas divisions disappointed.

PETER TRIEVNOR

Mike Hennessy was delighted by the popularity of Kalon's Deval wallcoverings

Lower costs furnish Kalon with a record

By Fraser Nelson

KALON, the decorative paints producer that bought Euredep two years ago, has *returned record profits after resolving the teething difficulties* that arose from the merger.

The company, whose managing director is Mike Hennessy, returned pre-tax profit of *£24.4 million (£19.6 million) in the six months to June 30, as it commanded* lower raw material costs. Popularity of its Deval wallcoverings lifted UK operating profit 53 per cent to £12.6 million. However, the loss of some retail label business held UK sales growth at 5 per *cent to £96 million.*

Its core French division mounted a strong recovery as new centres opened in Nice and Bordeaux, taking margins up from 5.5 per cent to 6.7 per cent — still behind the 10.4 per cent achieved across the group. *Success in Hungary allowed its international division* to lift profits by 36 per cent, to £4.6 million.

Overall, earnings were 4.27p (3.7p) a share. An interim dividend of 2p (1.7p) is due on October 8.

In spite of its efforts to hedge against the strenth of sterling, currency fluctuations wiped around £27 million from group turnover, leaving the overall figure at £243 million (£277 million). The company still generates some 60 per cent *of its sales from overseas.*

Communication executive goes at Securicor

By Eric Reguly

SECURICOR, the security and mobile phone group, yesterday *announced the departure* of the head of its struggling communications division and promised more management changes as the business is restructured.

Edmond Hough, chief executive of the communications division and a group *director, has left the company* by "mutual agreement". It was known that Roger Wiggs, Securicor's chief executive, had been seeking for some time to replace him.

The communications division comprises 40 per cent of Cellnet, *the second-largest* mobile phone company, and the telecoms service businesses in Britain and America.

Lately, Mr Hough had been spending most of his time in America, where Securicor's Intek business *has been rolling out a new low-frequency wireless network that is used* by some emergency services.

The American communications businesses will now report directly to Mr Wiggs, while the British businesses *will report to Christopher* Shirtcliffe, finance director.

Mr Hough's departure coincides with the rise of Robert Shriver, the American who has been appointed chairman and chief executive of Intek. Mr Shriver *will assume many of Mr Hough's responsibilities.*

Securicor's earnings forecasts were downgraded after the company took a series of provisions. It took 40 per cent share of two charges, totalling £65 million to cover the costs of a *faulty billing system that was installed this year at* Cellnet.

In addition, it took a £16 million charge relating to a change in the amortisation policy of subscriber recruitment costs.

Securicor shares, which *have been underperforming the market since late last year,* closed at 264p, down $11\frac{1}{2}$p.

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Credit Suisse rises before merger vote

By Adam Jones

CREDIT SUISSE, the Swiss banking group, which will become one of Europe's largest financial services companies after completing its merger with Winterthur, *the insurer, announced a 19 per cent rise in interim profits yesterday.*

In the first half of 1997, profits before tax and exceptionals were SFr1.68 billion (£700 million). The bulk came from Credit Suisse First Boston, the *investment banking arm,* which contributed SFr1.3 billion before tax and exceptional items.

The investment bank's costs rose 40 per cent because of rising bonus payments, although the cost-to-income ratio fell slightly, to 67.7 per cent.

Costs also rose 10 per cent in the *asset management arm, which was in line with* expansion plans, said Credit Suisse.

International private banking saw profits of SFr882 million before tax and exceptionals.

The Swiss corporate and individual customers division *incurred a pre-tax loss of* SFr177 million, a reduction from last year's first-half deficit of SFr357 million.

Shareholders in Winterthur and Credit Suisse are to vote on *the merger on September* 5.

Gas competition worries rejected

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

COMPETITION in domestic gas is to start in Scotland and the North *East* on November 1 against the wishes of the Gas *Consumers Council and many* gas companies.

Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, has rejected claims that the system is not ready to cope with the roll-out of competition to another 2.5 million *households. Administrative and technical problems* have already occurred in southern England. The programmes have also been dogged by aggressive marketing by rivals to British Gas Trading.

The gas regulator also set out dates by which the rest of the country will be able to shop around for their gas.

Sue Slipman, director of the Gas Consumers Council, said: "We are worried that the early opening of the market will lead to higher levels of problems for consumers than would have been created by a later starting date."

Rivals to British Gas Trading, the supply arm of Centrica, have also warned that the system devised by Transco — the pipelines network — may not be able to *support large switches of customers without difficulty.*

Hammicks plans franchised chain

By Chris Ayres

Hammicks hopes to open 50 shops within five years

HAMMICKS, the bookseller, yesterday *unveiled plans to shake-up the book trade by creating up to 50 franchise shops over the next five years.*

The move will triple the size of Hammicks and provide stiff competition for independent bookshops in market and commuter towns.

The company, whose preferred suppliers include Little, Brown and HarperCollins, said the shops would have the regular features, but also the advantage of Hammicks's bulk-buying power.

Trevor Goul-Wheeker, *managing director of Hammicks*, said: "I believe *we are about to revolutionise* the book trade. There are *many people* who would love to have their own bookshop, but book retailing is complex." He said there were about 3,000 independent bookshops in Britain, stocking a wide range of books and providing a high standard of customer service.

Hammicks's plans were given a cautious welcome yesterday by *Sydney Davies, of the Booksellers' Association.* "*Small bookshops* are under *pressure* anyway from chains such as Waterstone's, which are moving into market towns," he said. "There is no *reason* why a franchise chain should not succeed, and it already works well in a country like Sweden."

Hammicks was founded by Charles Hammick in 1968 and today has 25 high street outlets, a turnover of £29 million and 300 employees.

The company will train its franchisees and provide them with help, *information and advice. They will share central services such as buying, marketing,* administration and accounting.

Franchisees will need initial capital of about £60,000, with a total investment of about £165,000.

CHESHIRE
BUILDING SOCIETY

6-MONTH'S GROUP RESULTS (UNAUDITED)

	6 months to 30th June 1997 £'000s	6 months to 30th June 1996 £'000s
Net interest receivable	14,583	15,588
Other income and charges	4,320	4,344
Total income	18,903	19,932
Administrative expenses	8,927	8,198
Operating profit before provisions	9,976	11,734
Provisions for loans, Advances and guarantees	806	1,280
Profit on ordinary activities	9,170	10,454
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	2,890	3,450
Profit for the half year	6,280	7,004
Gross capital	133,417	121,887
Total assets (£m)	1,724m	1,558m

The Group results as above are unaudited

HIGHLIGHTS
- Asset growth for the half year of 5%
- Net retail receipts and net mortgage lending both well above market share
- Mortgage losses reduced by 37%
- Strong gross capital position of 8.5%
- High solvency ratio of 16.0%.

Paul Hughes, Chief Executive, commented:

"The Cheshire is the largest regional society in the North West and reports another strong performance for the first half of 1997. We continue to focus on traditional core business activities and this has enabled the Society to increase its share of the savings and mortgage markets.

"Mortgage losses have again reduced significantly and this trend is also reflected in our lower level of mortgage arrears.

"Our capital position has remained at a high level, notwithstanding the impact of reduced interest margins and good asset growth.

"The strength of our capital and low administrative expenses should enable the Society to compete successfully and demonstrate to our members, the benefits of mutuality".

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STOCK MARKET CLARE STEWART

Rank shares get a lift from Bass bid interest

RANK, the Butlins to bingo group, whose shares have been largely seen as bombed out recently, hit better form yesterday as they were pushed 14½p higher to 360p.

On another quiet day with buying interest generally muted, Rank benefited from faint whispers of bid interest from **Bass**. Weaker sterling and shortage of stock, as Rank continues its buyback programme, were also said to be behind the rise.

Talk of interest from Bass was given a hesistant reception. "Rank is vulnerable and anyone that comes in with a reasonable offer would probably get their hand bitten off by investors," said one analyst.

But in spite of the attractions to Bass, up 15p at 827½p, of parts of Rank, such as its holidays division and the Hard Rock Cafe group, the whole package was not rated as particularly desirable to Bass.

Trading followed another uncertain course yesterday, with little institutional activity to provide momentum. After a wobbly start, with the index off nearly 17 points in early trading, a stronger futures market helped to propel the FTSE 100 back through 4,900, to rise 34 points at its best.

The market drifted lower after Wall Street's weaker opening, and at the close the FTSE 100 stood at 4,906.9, up 20.6. Volumes were very thin, however, with just under 520 million shares traded by the market close.

The utilities were the latest to see their shares buoyed by talk of buybacks. Among the best performers were **National Power**, which rose 16p to 557½p, **PowerGen**, up 10½p at 775½p and **ScottishPower**, 5½p higher at 443½p. Among water stocks, **Severn Trent** put on 12p to 866½p.

The weaker pound helped to cheer a raft of international groups higher. These included **GEC**, up 8p to 382p, with **TI Group** 9p higher at 602½p and **British Aerospace** climbing 11p to £14.48½.

Banks were again in demand, with a fresh bout of bid speculation helping **Abbey National** to add 16½ to 839p. **Barclays** jumped 10p to £14.14, while **Lloyds TSB** was ahead 15p to 739½p.

Strong figures on unit trust sales helped **Schroders** to climb 42½p to £18.65. **Standard Chartered** gave up further ground with a 16½p slide to 977½p, while among life assurance groups, **Norwich Union** rose 10p to 345½p, with buying by tracker funds ahead of the group's inclusion in the FTSE 100 said to be boosting the share price.

Securicor ended 11½p lower to 264p after the departure of Ed Hough, head of its communications division.

Pharmaceutical stocks enjoyed a number of good rises. **Zeneca** rose 15p to £19.56, with **Glaxo Wellcome** adding 17p to £12.40½. **Chiroscience**, among the smaller drug stocks, rose 19p to 303½p. **Scotia Holdings** closed 12½p better at 320p. **SmithKline Beecham** was off colour, however, with its shares marked 6½p lower at 526p amid busy trading.

Among retailers the best gains were seen by **Marks & Spencer**, up 14p to 591p, with **Boots** ahead 18p to 817p and **Next** 11p higher at 777½p.

Shares in **WH Smith** recovered from an early fall as the group reported year-end figures at the low end of forecasts. The shares revived, to end 9p higher at 376½p, with more than three million traded.

Insurers finding support included **Commercial Union**, which rose 9½p to 734½p and **GRE**, up 16p to 282p.

Carlton Communications lost 14½p to 495p after reports that the end of the Channel 4 funding formula will cost it £31 million. Just behind Carlton in the listing of FTSE 100 worst performers was **BT**, down 9p to 404½p, with 31 million shares traded, as the MCI deal was given further consideration.

Reckitt & Colman was bought up ahead of its interim figures, due out today. It ended at 981½p, up 12½p. **Unilever**, tipped as a possible predator for Reckitt & Colman, was 18½p lower at £17.80.

Rolls-Royce, also reporting today, rose 4½p to 254½p. The group announced a £46.6 million engine order from Continental Airlines.

Imperial Tobacco ended a penny firmer at 394½p, while **BAT** retreated 5½p to 527p and **Gallaher** lost 5p to 181½p.

Kalamazoo Computer ended 9½p higher at 85p, having jumped 29p in trading earlier in the day. The rise was fuelled by news of Reynolds & Reynolds, the US group, taking a 22 per cent stake in Kalamazoo.

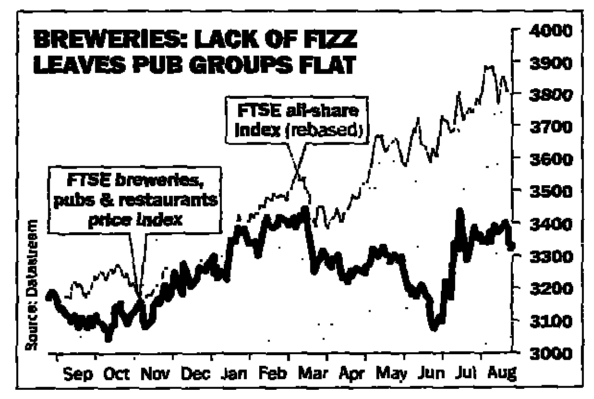
British Borneo, the oil exploration group, rose 14p to 473½p after its acquisition of a 60 per cent stake in the Allegheny Field in the Gulf of Mexico. A buy recommendation helped **Enterprise Oil** to climb 5p to 694½p.

☐ ***GILT-EDGED:*** *Trade data* left the gilts market largely unmoved and at the close the September series of the long gilt had eased back £5/32 to £114 9/32, with 78,500 contracts completed.

At the short end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 ended £1/32 lower at £102 18/32, while Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was off £06/32 at £109 19/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street was weaker after shares tumbled more than 70 points and then drifted back. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 40.88 points at 7,741.34.

Rank's Hard Rock Cafe is seen as an enticement for Bass



Bass rose 15p to 827½p, but Whitbread was left languishing yesterday as its shares retreated 11½p to 797p on talk of lower beer sales. Scottish & Newcastle, which has its annual meeting today, closed down 8½p at 723¼p, while Vaux dipped 4½p to 284p.

The share price weakness follows the lacklustre trend seen across the brewing, pub and restaurant sector, which has lagged the FTSE all-share index this year. A number of factors are cited for its poor performance.

Martin Hawkins, an analyst with Greig Middleton, said: "There have been plenty of dynamic performances from more specialised outlets, but the core, traditional pub businesses continue to suffer."

Mr Hawkins is, however, fairly positive on the sector, though he says that there is still a long way to go in the pub retailing revolution. His buy list includes Scottish & Newcastle, but he adds that "there is a field of undervalued opportunities among smaller stocks". These include Wolverhampton & Dudley, Mansfield Brewery and Regent Inns.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	7741.34 (-40.88)
S&P Composite	908.88 (-4.14)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	18441.94 (-373.04)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	15533.95 (-13.27)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	907.53 (+3.89)

Sydney:

AO	2626.50 (+0.20)

Frankfurt:

DAX	3995.66 (+36.33)

Singapore:

Straits	1915.96 (-9.24)

Brussels:

General	13323.59 (-7.16)

Paris:

CAC-40	2871.70 (+2.44)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	1170.40 (+7.90)

London:

FT 30	3146.5 (+17.5)
FTSE 100	4906.9 (+20.6)
FTSE 250	4649.6 (-0.4)
FTSE 350	2367.2 (+8.0)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	2573.30 (-6.19)
FTSE All-Share	2313.32 (+7.28)
FTSE Non Financials	2321.93 (+6.44)
FTSE Fixed Interest	125.74 (+0.20)
FTSE Govt Secs	96.50 (-0.11)
Bargains	40080
SEAQ Volume	614.9m
US$	1.6108 (-0.0017)
German Mark	2.9151 (+0.0116)
Exchange Index	101.9 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.4758
£:SDR	1.1857
RPI	157.5 Jul (3.3%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	156.4 Jul (3.0%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Antofagasta Cv Uts	401½	...
Blakes Clothing	79½	...
Bristol & West Prf	108	...
Cammell Laird	136	...
EMI B	115	...
Fairfield Ents	117½	...
GR Holdings	55	...
Galen Holdings	229	+ 15½
Helicon Pubslg	96½	- 1½
Ionica Group	332½	- 16½
Kingfisher Leisure	175½	...
LEPCO	78½	...
Landround	92½	- 2
Metroline	199½	- 1
Reabourne Merlin	108½	...
SBS Group	112½	+ 2½
Severn Trent B	33½	...
Stentor Warrants	53½	...
Style Holdings	85	+ 1½
Thorn B	20½	...
Viglen Technology	63½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Dixon Mtrs n/p (235)	26½	...
Golden Land n/p (21)	2	...
Logica n/p (605)	162½	...
Pendragon n/p (265)	2	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Chiroscience	303½p (+19p)
Gearhouse Gp	386½p (+20p)
Rank Gp	360p (+14½p)
Shield Diag	565p (+22½p)
Scotia	320p (+12½p)
Jardine Math	459p (+17¼p)
Close Bros	454p (+14p)
Norwich Union	345½p (+10p)
Marks Spencer	591p (+14p)
Boots	817p (+18p)

FALLS:

Cortecs	211p (-10p)
Securicor	264p (-11½p)
Carlton Comm	495p (-14½p)
Ranger	593p (-12¼p)
Whitbread	795p (-13½p)
Boosey Hwks	950p (-12½p)
Croda	341½p (-9p)
BT	404½p (-9p)

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TEMPUS

New course for Magellan

HOW do you invest $63 billion? This is more than an academic problem for the managers of Fidelity's Magellan fund whose sheer size is on a par with the market capitalisation of Glaxo Wellcome. Yesterday, Fidelity decided to close the US mutual fund to new investors, citing heavy investor cash inflows as a cause for concern.

Magellan's recent history has been about as stormy as the eponymous Straits at the tip of Latin America. A former captain of Magellan, Jeffry Vinik jumped ship last year after a controversial change of course from shares into bonds. His decision caused the vessel to drift into the doldrums at a time when the Dow was soaring. A new fund manager, Bob Stansky, has restored Magellan's stature with a focus on growth stocks but the problems do not end there.

Fidelity likes to pick stocks — an approach to investment that requires managers to take a view on markets and interest rates. Jeffry Vinik did just that but he got it wrong, not unlike his peers at our very own PDFM. But for a fund the size of Magellan, outperforming the market is even more difficult. A mere 1.5 per cent shift in asset allocation involves the reinvestment of $1 billion, not the stuff of discrete stake-building.

Closing the fund to new money eases the pressure on Magellan's fund managers to find homes for the cash that accumulates in a bull market. Surely it would be more sensible to turn Magellan into an index-tracking fund? Investors who choose to back stock-pickers are inevitably backing the market wisdom of one manager who can at best have a cursory knowledge of a $63 billion portfolio.

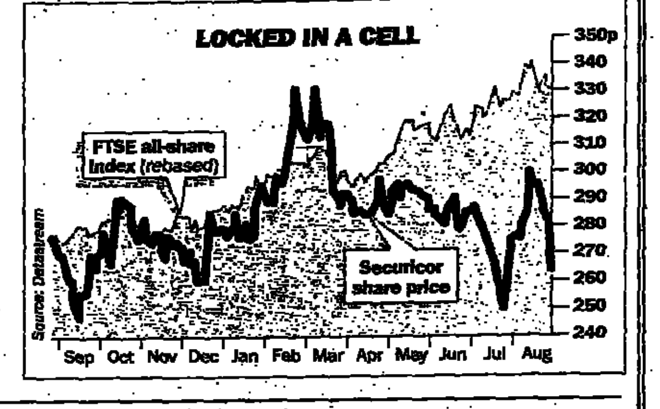
Securicor

SECURICOR has always been held hostage by Cellnet, the mobile phone business in which it has a 40 per cent stake. When Cellnet was growing rapidly in the early to mid 1990s, Securicor grew with it. Now that Cellnet has fallen on hard times, Securicor is underperforming the market. A turnaround for either company is unlikely in the near future.

In this year alone, Cellnet has lost its managing director and has taken two charges, totalling £65 million, related to the installation of a bug-riddled billing system that may have to be ripped out. Furthermore, *Orange and One-2-One*, Cellnet's smaller rivals, are recruiting high margin digital customers at a much faster pace. Rumours suggest that Cellnet will drop its prices in an effort to boost its customer numbers. This could trigger a price war.

Securicor shareholders always held out hope that BT, which owns the other 60 per cent of Cellnet, would save the day by purchasing the rest of Cellnet at a good price.

But BT lacks regulatory approval to do so and is currently more preoccupied by its merger with MCI. In the end, a break-up might yield more value — some analysts reckon the sum of the parts is worth 300p but who wants to be a minority partner in a troubled cellphone business? Shareholders should use any rise in the share price as an opportunity to sell.



Shell

FAST FOOD in the forecourt is the right strategy but, unfortunately, Shell is the wrong company.

Belatedly, Shell has come round to the view that petrol retailing is a mere prop for the serious business of selling higher-margin food and drinks to bored motorists. Shell will not reveal the performance of its UK marketing business, but the whole petrol retailing industry in the UK is thought to have lost some £500 million last year.

Instead of contracting, Shell is investing, buying up Gulf's petrol stations and taking a more pro-active role in retailing fast-moving consumer goods. This should improve the pitiful returns from marketing petrol but investors should question why Shell is investing more in retailing when both it and its industry have such a poor track record in selling fuel profitably. At least BP acknowledged the problem when it roped in Safeway to run its forecourt shops.

A brave oil company would rid itself of the burden of retailing a commodity product in the developed world where the environmental lobby ensures that petrol brands carry negative goodwill. Yet Shell cannot easily pull out of marketing fuel in Britain when it carries the cost of running two major refineries.

Europe is awash in petrol and Shell needs outlets for its production. Shutting down the Shell Haven refinery might be even more expensive than running a chain of moderately profitable roadside sweetshops.

Marley

WHEN bust followed boom in the UK housebuilding market, Marley looked abroad. Today three quarters of earnings come from overseas but the move proved painfully expensive. The strong pound has taken a large chunk out of Marley's profits.

Sceptics had warned against diversification from the start. Sterling was not then soaring but the doubters suggested that Marley was shifting its focus away from the UK just as the market was about to recover.

But Marley was right to invest in America, Europe, Asia and Africa when its critics demanded that it hang on for recovery in Britain. Building houses in the UK is still less profitable than in any of these overseas locations. Early signs of improvement at home have been countered by setbacks as modest attempts by Marley to increase its prices by a mere 3 per cent drove away many customers.

Meanwhile, the overseas diversification strategy has paid off. Marley will still suffer from converting foreign profits into sterling but it loses nothing in competitiveness. The swings and roundabouts of currency are hardly a reason to change a long-term investment strategy.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Sep	1085-1082	Dec	1191-1190
Dec	1120-1118	Mar	1200 SLR
Mar	1138 BID	May	1214 BID
May	1152-1151	Jul	1225 SLR
Jul	1161 BID		
Sep	1180 BID		Volume: 4631

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1530 SLR	May	1550-1545
Nov	1560-1559	Jul	1550-1535
Jan	1559-1557	Sep	1550-1530
Mar	unq		Volume: 6332

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	326.3-23.6
Spot: 350.0		Aug	325.3-23.1
Oct	324.0-27.0	Oct	321.0-18.8
Dec	326.0-25.0	Dec	321.0-17.8
Mar	327.8-27.3		Volume: 1941

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 26

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	96.20	113.10	99.45
(+/-)	-0.26	+4.59	-0.65
Eng/Wales	98.50	115.54	98.48
(+/-)	-0.07	+5.17	-0.55
(%)	-20.0	-2.0	+14.0
Scotland	[illegible]	111.35	102.75
(+/-)	-2.32	+2.30	-0.32
(%)	+23.0	+1.0	-7.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.05	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Oct)	18.45	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Nov)	18.55	+0.15
W. Texas Intermediate (Oct)	19.50	+0.15
W. Texas Intermediate (Nov)	19.65	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	216 (-9)	220 (-9)
Gasoil EEC	162 (n/c)	163 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	90 (-2)	92 (-2)
Naphtha	185 (-1)	188 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Sep	163.50-63.75	Dec	169.50-69.75
Oct	165.75-67.00	Jan	170.75-71.25
Nov	167.75-68.00		Vol: 20421

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	18.40-18.43	Jan	18.65 BID
Nov	18.53-18.56	Feb	18.61-18.71
Dec	18.63-18.65		Vol: 27114

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	87.25
Nov	89.50
Jan	91.50
Mar	93.50
May	95.50
Volume: 496	

LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	90.25
Nov	93.00
Jan	95.00
Mar	87.00
May	98.50
Volume: 70	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	62.0	62.0
Mar	unq	93.0
Apr	113.0	109.0
		Volume: 99

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Sep 60.00-60.50

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 97	unq	—	1315
Sep 97	1450	1440	1450
Oct 97	1575	1540	1555
Jan 98	1575	1540	1555

Vol: 753 lots Open interest: 3536

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2193.0-2195.0	2179.0-2180.0	121225
Lead ($/tonne)	632.00-632.50	642.00-643.00	210225
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1696.0-1698.0	1507.0-1508.0	442730
Tin ($/tonne)	5395.0-5400.0	5435.0-5440.0	14990
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1690.0-1692.0	1647.0-1648.0	226452
Nickel ($/tonne)	6465.0-6470.0	6595.0-6605.0	106267

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Dom	460	21	32	40	16	37½	34½
(*467)	500	7	16	24	42½	50½	50½
ASDA	140	11	16	18½	2½	5	6
(*149)	160	2	6	9	13	15	16½
Boots	800	45	68	83	18½	34	39½
(*817)	850	20½	44	57½	44	59	64½
Br Airways	650	31½	53	67	21½	34	38½
(*656)	700	11½	32	44	51½	61½	66
BP	850	48½	66½	85½	17½	32½	38
(*874)	900	23½	43	60	43	57½	61½
Br Steel	160	17½	21½	26	3	7	9½
(*174)	180	6	11	15½	11½	16	19
C & W	550	32½	52½	66	15	26	33
(*561)	600	12	30	43	44½	54	59½
CU	700	54½	90½	90	11½	39	49
(*734)	750	31½	63	72	32	63	72
ICI	1000	56	60	101	20½	47	59½
(*1018)	1050	23½	64	82	51½	67	84
Land Sec	900	38	60	79½	19	28	37½
(*915)	950	14	35½	52	44	53	59½
M & S	550	51	63	76	5½	13	17
(*591)	600	19	32	46	22½	32	37
Nat West	750	72½	107½	121½	14	42	54
(*790)	800	43½	80	95	39	62	78
Safeway plc	360	27½	37	45	5	12	15½
(*393)	390	10	30	39½	17	26	29½
Sainsbury	420	39½	41½	51	3½	14	18
(*441)	460	10	22	30½	27	33½	37½
Shell	417	19½	32½	—	15½	22½	—
(*422½)	433	12½	25	—	23	30½	—
Smkl Bch	525	27	47	59½	20½	32½	39½
(*525)	550	16½	35½	43½	35	46	52½
Storehse	300	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trafalgar	50	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Zeneca	1900	111	177½	218	45	85½	97½
(*1957)	2000	64	124½	164	89	129½	143½

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAT Ind	500	35	56½	74	12½	22½	32
(*527½)	550	21	39½	47	36	46	57
Vodafone	300	25½	33	41	4½	12	16
(*314½)	330	9½	18	25	21½	28	31

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Grnd Met	550	48	68	75½	14½	21½	28
(*577)	600	22	39	47	34½	45½	52½
Ladbroke	260	16½	22	27	14½	18½	20
(*260)	280	9½	15	19	27	28	32
Utd Bisc	200	17½	23½	25½	4½	8	9
(*218)	220	7	13½	17	14½	15	19½

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	550	32	47	56	12	20	23
(*569)	600	9½	23½	32	39	46½	49
Thames W	730	56	73	87	11	22	29½
(*779½)	780	27	48½	50	29	44	49

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BTR	200	18½	22	27	9	13	15½
(*210½)	220	9	14	19½	19½	23½	26
Br Aero	1400	97	135	161½	35	49½	64
(*1448½)	1450	69	109	134	57	72½	86
Br Telcm	385	36½	41½	—	12½	24½	—
(*403½)	425	17½	22	—	33½	47½	—
Cadbury	550	51	65½	72	11½	16½	24
(*587)	600	22	37½	45½	31½	38	47
Guinness	550	37	47½	56	20	27½	31
(*560)	600	15½	23	33	46½	51	56½
GEC	360	36	42½	52	7½	15	16
(*382)	390	16½	27	36	19	25	29½
Hanson	300	10	25½	30	14½	19	23
(*302)	330	5	13	18	34	36	40½
LASMO	260	17½	25	27	10	15½	17½
(*261½)	280	9	16	19	21½	26½	29½
LucasVarity	180	23½	26½	33	3½	5½	7
(*198)	200	11½	17	21½	10½	13½	15
Pilkington	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(*140½)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prudential	600	58	57½	69	32	42	52½
(*640½)	650	18	36	49	62½	71	81
Redland	280	27½	34	40½	6½	12½	14½
(*297½)	300	15½	23½	30	15½	22	24
R-Royce	240	25½	32	37½	5½	12	16
(*254½)	260	14½	21½	27	17½	21	25
Tesco	390	26	47½	58½	[illegible]	14	18
(*410)	420	19	31	40	21	26	31
Williams	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	360	—	—	—	—	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*4905)

	4800	4850	4900	4950	5000	5050
Calls						
Sep	152	145	114	86	64	45
Oct	244	203	173½	144	121	90
Nov	295	255	226	186	170½	140
Dec	330	297	267½	236	211	190
Jun	479	—	419	—	366	—
Puts						
Sep	58	74	92	120	151	189½
Oct	96	117	140	163	192	221½
Nov	128	149	170	192	219	248
Dec	152	172	193	215	241	270
Jun	229	—	260	—	315	—

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Abby Nat	800	62½	96½	108	23	40½	52
(*836½)	850	35	71	82	45	65	75½
Amstrad	140	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	160	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barclays	1400	82	142½	163	54½	92½	110
(*1414)	1450	57	117½	136	79	117½	134
Natl Pwr	550	30	47	56½	18½	29	32
(*558½)	600	10½	26½	34	47	54	59½

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Glaxo Well	1200	90	121	178	26	51½	63
(*1239½)	1250	62½	95	113	59½	72½	85
HSBC	2100	102½	193	240	76	172½	167½
(*2111)	2200	59½	141	190	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reuter	600	59	78	[illegible]	6½	19	27
(*645½)	650	27½	49	59	23	37	39
Royal & Sun	500	37½	56	64	17	29	33½
(*521½)	550	14	33½	39	39½	50	57½

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Blue Circ	390	36	47½	52	6	12	15
(*411)	420	18½	31	35	21	26	32

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Kingfshr	700	49	75	90	19	27	31
(*735)	750	33	49	54	34	47	56

Series		Calls Jun			Puts Jun		
Br Gas	240	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	260	—	—	—	—	—	—

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Dixons	650	23	52	64	10	35	41
(*657)	700	5	30	41½	47½	63	67
EMI Group	550	30	51	64	9½	23	29
(*569)	575	15	37	51	21½	36	42
Tarmac	110	10	13½	17	½	3	5
(*119)	120	4	8	12	3½	8	9
Hillsdown	160	7	—	—	2	—	—
(*163½)	180	[illegible]	—	—	[illegible]	—	—
Lonrho	120	7½	11	14½	2	4½	7½
(*124)	130	3	6	9½	7½	9	12½
Sears	90	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	100	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	1600	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tomkins	300	14	24	26	4	9	13½
(*309½)	330	1½	10	14½	21½	25	29½
Lloyds TSB	700	51½	85½	104	11	32½	41
(*739)	750	22	59½	75	32	56	64½
Scot Pwr	420	30	40½	52	2½	12½	16½
(*444)	460	9	25½	31	16½	30	37½
Unilever	1700	97½	153½	197	12	47	65
(*1782)	1800	33½	97½	143	47	93	108

August 27, 1997 Tot: 16752 Calls: 9360 Puts: [illegible] FTSE Calls: 3580 Puts: [illegible]

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt Previous open interest 173405	Sep 97 Dec 97	114-14 114-05	114-18 114-08	114-06 113-27	114-09 113-31	78386 44968
German Govt Bond (Bund) Previous open interest 283233	Sep 97 Dec 97	102.16 101.27	102.27 101.33	101.88 101.03	101.95 101.06	155425 15554
Italian Govt Bond (BTP) Previous open interest 115464	Sep 97 Dec 97	135.65 107.96	135.93 108.10	135.25 107.45	135.29 107.51	46622 5630
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 97 Dec 97	127.26 126.46	127.33 126.55	127.23 126.46	127.26 126.48	4302 3163
Three Mth Sterling Previous open interest 656712	Sep 97 Dec 97 Mar 98	92.70 92.56 92.51	92.71 92.56 92.51	92.69 92.51 92.47	92.69 92.52 92.47	6839 11637 10293
Three Mth Euromark Previous open interest 1066362	Sep 97 Dec 97	96.63 96.41	96.63 96.43	96.61 96.40	96.61 96.40	17637 32337
Three Mth Eurolira Previous open interest 385870	Sep 97 Dec 97	93.26 93.57	93.27 93.59	93.21 93.50	93.21 93.50	7786 15065
Three Mth Euroyen	Dec 97 Mar 98				99.40 99.32	0 0
Three Mth Euroswiss Previous open interest 169445	Sep 97 Dec 97	98.45 98.14	98.48 98.18	98.42 98.13	98.47 98.17	7736 4187
Three Mth ECU Previous open interest 39835	Sep 97 Dec 97	95.60 95.46	95.60 95.48	95.58 95.45	95.59 95.46	512 458
FTSE 100 Previous open interest 78239	Sep 97 Dec 97	4892.0 4954.0	4953.0 4990.0	4876.0 4948.5	4919.0 4982.5	7089 140

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates Clearing Banks 7 *Finance Hse* 7

Discount Market Loans O/night high: 7¼ Low 6½ Week fixed: 7¼

Treasury Bills (Dis) Buy: 2 mth 6¾; 3 mth 6¾. Sell: 2 mth 6⁲⁄₃₂; 3 mth 6⁲⁄₃₂.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	7-6²⁹⁄₃₂	7⅛-6²⁹⁄₃₂	7⅛-7	7⅛-7¼	
Sterling Money Rates	7⅛-7¼	7⅛-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	7⅜-7¼	7⅝-7½
Interbank	7⅛-7¼	7⅛-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	7⅜-7¼	7⅝-7½

Overnight: open 7¼ close 7¼.

Local Authority Deps	7⅛	n/a	7⅛	7⅜	7⅝
Sterling CDs	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	7⅜-7¼	7⅝-7½
Dollar CDs	5.55	n/a	5.62	5.72	5.99
Building Society CDs	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	7¼-7⅛	7⅜-7¼	7⅝-7½

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5¾-5⅝	5½-4¾
Deutschemark:	3⅛-2¾	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3¼-3⅛	3⅛-2¾
French Franc:	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅜-3¼	3½-3⅜	3⅛-2¾
Swiss Franc:	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1⅝-¾
Yen:	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	⅝-½	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $325.40-325.70 Close: $324.60-325.10 High: $325.40-325.70 Low: $234.00-324.50 AM: $325.30 PM: $324.75

Krugerrand: $324.25-326.25 (£201.25-203.25)

Platinum: $406.00 (£251.95) Silver: $4.61 (£2.895) Palladium: $186.50 (£115.73)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for August 27	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2644-3.2886	3.2853-3.2871	1⅛-1pr	3¼-2⅞pr
Brussels	59.810-60.300	60.203-60.286	21-16pr	57-50pr
Copenhagen	11.026-11.120	11.106-11.112	⅝-⅛pr	1-¼pr
Dublin	1.0814-1.0933	1.0905-1.0927	12-6pr	30-23pr
Frankfurt	2.8978-2.9189	2.9159-2.9181	1-¾pr	2⅝-2⅜pr
Lisbon	294.04-296.46	295.45-295.87	½-¼pr	⅝-⅛pr
Madrid	245.12-246.91	246.66-246.78	42-32pr	122-104pr
Milan	2830.9-2852.9	2848.2-2851.7	16pr-par	41-19pr
Montreal	2.2407-2.2502	2.2420-2.2435	0.76-0.71pr	1.43-1.34pr
New York	1.6074-1.6138	1.6110-1.6115	0.228-0.207pr	0.628-0.597pr
Oslo	12.003-12.095	12.077-12.087	½-¼pr	1-¼pr
Paris	9.7600-9.8261	9.8223-9.8261	3⅛-2⅞pr	9⅛-8⅝pr
Stockholm	12.632-12.714	12.694-12.710	⅛-¼pr	⅛-¼pr
Tokyo	191.36-192.01	191.40-191.60	1⅛-1pr	3⅛-3¼pr
Vienna	20.382-20.546	20.519-20.537	¾-¼pr	2-1⅝pr
Zurich	2.3955-2.4141	2.4110-2.4134	1⅛-1⅛pr	3⅛-3⅛pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3449-1.3458
Austria	12.72-12.73
Belgium (Com)	37.36-37.38
Canada	1.3943-1.3948
Denmark	6.8890-6.8910
France	6.8850-6.0910
Germany	1.8088-1.8098
Hong Kong	7.7445-7.7455
Ireland	1.4768-1.4793
Italy	1766.50-1768.00
Japan	118.80-118.90
Malaysia	2.8350-2.8400
Netherlands	2.0386-2.0397
Norway	7.4917-7.4993
Portugal	183.70-183.90
Singapore	1.5072-1.5082
Spain	152.99-153.04
Sweden	7.8768-7.8843
Switzerland	1.4961-1.4971

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6133-1.6160
Australia dollar	2.1744-2.1773
Bahrain dinar	0.5985-0.6125
Brazil real*	1.7520-1.7564
China yuan	13.161-13.461
Cyprus pound	0.8420-0.8610
Finland markka	8.5950-8.7360
Greece drachma	450.25-460.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.4818-12.4912
India rupee	57.75-59.05
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4835-0.4945
Malaysia ringgit	4.5678-4.5786
New Zealand dollar	2.4964-2.5007
Pakistan rupee	63.50 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7775-5.9125
Singapore dollar	2.4284-2.4315
S Africa rand (com)	7.4430-7.6120
U A E dirham	5.8300-5.9660

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	434	Ladbroke	3,200
ASDA Gp	7,300	*Land Secs*	723
Abbey Ntl	3,000	Legal & Gn	1,300
Allnce & Leic	1,700	Lloyds TSB	6,500
Allied Dom	2,400	LucasVarity	3,400
AB Foods	441	Marks Spr	2,600
BAA	1,500	Mercury Ast	553
BAT Inds	3,300	NatWst Bk	1,800
BG	3,300	Nat Grid	1,200
BOC	457	*Nat Power*	4,000
BP	4,400	Next	515
BSkyB	585	Orange	2,700
BTR	8,300	P & O	3,200
BT	34,300	Pearson	343
Bk of Scot	1,400	PowerGen	4,500
Barclays	1,600	Prudential	2,300
Bass	4,000	RMC	549
Blue Circle	1,200	Railtrack	636
Boots	1,500	Rank Group	1,500
BAe	558	Reckitt Col	2,500
BA	3,200	Reed Intl	2,700
British Land	864	Rentokil	5,700
Brit Steel	3,500	Reuters	2,800
Burmah Cstl	59	Rio Tinto	1,200
Cable Wire	3,500	Rolls Royce	6,300
Cadbury	966	Royal & Sun	2,900
Carlton Cms	1,100	Royal Bk Sct	897
Centrica	7,900	Safeway	1,200
Cm Union	1,400	Sainsbury	1,800
Dixons	3,300	Schroders	230
EMI	2,100	Scot & New	570
Energy Gp	492	Scot Power	5,900
Enterpr Oil	1,200	Svrn Trent	595
GKN	1,600	Shell Trans	9,600
GRE	2,600	Siebe	778
GUS	11,700	Smkl Bch	9,300
Gen Acc	822	Smiths Inds	1,600
Gen Elec	8,100	Std Chartd	3,400
Glaxo Well	4,200	TI Gp	518
Granada	2,400	Tate & Lyle	988
Grand Met	3,600	Tesco	2,600
Guinness	3,400	Thames W	198
HSBC	2,400	Tomkins	662
Halifax	4,900	*Unilever*	979
Hanson	722	Utd Utilities	739
Hays	1,100	Utd News	521
ICI	1,100	Vodafone	10,300
Imp Tob	646	Whitbread	1,300
Kingfisher	724	Wolseley	1,100
LASMO	1,700	Zeneca	1,700

WALL STREET

	Aug 27 midday	Aug 26 close
AMP Inc	50	51
AMR Corp	105	105
AT & T	39	40
Abbott Labs	60	59
Advanced Micro	39	39
Aetna Life	96	96
Ahmanson (HF)	50	50
Air Prod & Chem	81	81
AirTouch Comm	35	34
Albertson's	34	34
Alcan Aluminum	36	36
Allied Signal	84	84
Alum Co of Am	85	85
Amerada Hess	58	59
Amer El Power	43	43
Amer Express	79	79
Amer Genl Corp	49	48
Amer Home Pr	71	72
Amer Intl	96	97
Amer Stores	23	23
Amer Standard	49	50
Ameritech	63	63
Amgen	50	50
Amoco	95	95
Andrew Corp	25	25
Anheuser-Busch	42	43
Apple Computer	22	22
Archer Daniels	21	21
Armco	5	5
Armstrng Wrld	70	71
Asarco	31	31
Atl Richfield	75	75
Atmel Corp	36	36
Auto Data Pro	44	45
Avery Dennison	41	41
Avon Products	65	65
Baker Hughes	42	42
Baltim Gas & El	27	27
Banc One	54	54
BankAmerica	68	67
Bank of NY	45	45
Bankers Tr NY	102	102
Barnett Banks	52	52
Bausch & Lomb	41	41
Baxter Intl	53	54
Becton Dickson	48	46
Bell Atlantic	73	73
BellSouth	45	45
Black & Decker	41	42
Block (H&R)	39	39
Boeing	54	54
Boise Cascade	30	30
Boston Scien	72	72
Bristol Myrs Sq	75	75
Browning Ferris	34	35
Brunswick	31	31
Burlington Nthn	92	92
CMS Energy Corp	35	35
CPC Intl	89	89
CSX	58	59
Campbell Soup	47	47
Carolina Pwr	33	34
Case Corp	68	68
Caterpillar	59	58
Central & SW	19	19
Champion Intl	59	59
Chase Manhat	113	112
Chevron Corp	78	78
Chrysler	35	35
Chubb Corp	66	66
Cigna Corp	182	182
Citicorp	132	132
Clorox	134	134
Coastal Corp	57	57
Coca Cola	58	59
Coca Cola Ent	27	27
Colgate-Palm	64	64
Columbia Gas	65	66
ColumbiaHCA	33	33
Compaq Comp	68	68
Comp Ass Intl	64	66
Conagra	64	64
Cons Edison	30	30
Cons Nat Gas	58	58
Cooper Inds	53	54
Corestates	61	62
Corning Inc	58	56
C'wide Credit	34	34
Crestar Finl	43	43
Crown Cork	50	50
Dana Corp	49	48
Dayton Hudson	56	57
Deere	56	56
Delta Air Lines	87	87
Deluxe Corp	33	32
Digital Equip	44	44
Dillard Dept St	37	39
Disney (Walt)	77	77
Dominion Res	38	37
Donnelley (RR)	39	40
Dover Corp	70	70
Dow Chemical	88	88
Dow Jones	48	47
Dresser	40	40
Duke Power	49	49
Dun & Bradstreet	27	27
Du Pont	64	65
Eastman Chem	59	59
Eastman Kodak	66	68
Eaton Corp	88	89

	Aug 27 midday	Aug 26 close
Edison Intl	24	24
Elect Data Sys	37	37
Emerson Elec	54	55
Engelhard Corp	19	20
Enron Corp	37	37
Entergy	24	24
Ethyl Corp	9	9
Exxon	61	61
FMC Corp	82	82
FPL Group	46	47
Federal Express	66	67
Fifth Third Banc	59	59
Fleet Finl Grp	64	64
Fluor Corp	56	57
Ford Motor	44	44
Fort James	42	41
Fortune Brands	35	35
Franklin Res	78	77
GTE Corp	44	45
Gannett	97	98
Gap Inc Del	43	44
Gen Dynamics	82	83
Gen Electric	67	67
Gen Mills	65	65
Gen Motors	64	65
Gen Reinsurance	195	196
Gen Signal	45	45
Genuine Parts	31	31
Georgia Pac	91	91
Gillette	84	85
Glaxo Wellc ADR	39	38
Goodrich (BF)	42	42
Goodyear Tire	62	62
Grt All Pac Tea	25	24
Great Lakes	46	47
Halliburton	45	45
Harcourt General	47	48
Heinz (HJ)	42	42
Hercules	51	52
Hershey Foods	54	54
Hewlett Packard	61	62
Hilton Hotels	30	30
Home Depot	47	48
Homestake Mng	14	14
Honeywell	69	70
Household Intl	109	111
Houston Inds	20	20
Humana	23	24
ITT Corp	63	63
Ikon Office	28	28
Illinois Tool	49	49
Illinova	23	23
INCO	27	28
Ingersoll Rand	62	62
Inland Steel	20	21
Intel Corp	93	92
IBM	103	103
Intl Flav & Fr	52	52
Intl Paper	54	54
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	57	57
Kellogg	45	46
Kerr-McGee	61	61
Kimberly-Clark	49	50
Kmart	14	14
Knight-Ridder	50	51
Lilly (Eli)	104	104
Limited Inc	23	23
Lincoln Nat	67	67
Litton	47	46
Liz Claiborne	45	45
Lockheed Martin	106	106
Louisiana Pac	22	22
MCI Comm	28	29
Manpower Inc	44	45
Marriott Int	67	67
Marsh & McLnn	69	69
Masco Corp	44	44
May Dept St	50	51
Maytag Corp	27	27
McDonalds	48	48
McGraw Hill	61	62
Mead Corp	71	70
Medtronic	90	90
Mellon Bk	47	47
Merck Inc	92	91
Mercury Fin	1	1
Merrill Lynch	61	61
Microsoft	134	135
Minnesota Mine	91	91
Mirage Resorts	26	26
Mobil Corp	73	73
Monsanto	43	44
Morgan (JP)	109	110
Motorola Inc	76	77
Mylan Labs	20	20
Natl Semil	36	36
Natl Service Ind	40	44
Navistar Int	24	24
NY Times A	46	47
Newmont Mng	42	42
Nike B	54	55
NL Industries	12	13
Nordstrom	59	58
Norfolk Sthrn	109	108
Nthn State Pwr	48	48
Norwest Corp	57	57
Occidental Pet	23	23
Ohio Edison	21	21
Oracle	39	38
Oryx Energy Co	25	25

	Aug 27 midday	Aug 26 close
Owens Corning	41	41
PPG Industries	62	63
PMI Group	58	57
PNC Bank	42	42
PP&L Res	20	21
Paccar Inc	49	49
Pacificorp	20	20
Pac Enterprises	32	33
Pall Corp	23	23
Parker Hannifin	64	65
Peco Energy	23	23
Penney (JC)	59	59
Pennzoil	77	77
Pepsico	36	36
Pfizer	53	53
Pharm & Upjhn	34	34
Phelps Dodge	82	82
Philip Morris	44	45
Phillips Pet	47	47
Pitney Bowes	77	77
Polaroid	52	53
Procter & Gmbl	136	137
Providian	38	38
Pub Serv E & G	25	25
Quaker Oats	47	49
Ralston Purina	91	91
Raychem Corp	93	93
Raytheon	55	56
Reebok Intl	45	46
Reynolds Metals	73	74
Rockwell Intl	60	61
Rohm & Haas	96	98
Royal Dutch	51	51
Rubbermaid	25	25
SBC Comms	54	54
Safeco Corp	49	49
St Paul's Cos	73	73
Sallie Mae	136	137
Salomon Inc	60	60
Sara Lee Corp	41	41
Schering Plough	48	47
Schlumberger	76	75
Seagram	35	35
Sears Roebuck	57	57
Shell Trans	40	40
Sherwin Wllms	28	29
Silicon Graphics	26	27
Snap-On-Tools	41	41
Southern Co	21	21
Southtrust	43	43
Sprint Corp	46	46
Stanley Works	43	43
Sun Company	38	38
Sun Microsys	51	50
Suntrust	62	62
Supervalu	39	39
Synovus Fin	25	25
Sysco Corp	36	36
TRW Inc	54	54
TIG Hldgs	31	31
Tandem Comp	34	34
Tandy Corp	66	66
Temple Inland	65	66
Tenet Healthcare	27	27
Tenneco	47	47
Texaco	115	115
Texas Inst	118	117
Texas Utilities	35	34
Textron	62	62
Thermo Elect	37	37
Time Warner	51	51
Times-Mirror A	50	51
Timken	37	37
Torchmark	36	37
Toys R Us	35	35
Transamerica	97	97
Travelers	64	64
Tribune	49	50
UST Inc	28	29
US Bancorp	88	88
UAL	77	77
US Inds	37	37
US West Comm	36	37
US West Media	20	20
USAirways Group	35	35
USX Marathon	33	32
Unicom	23	24
Unilever NV	213	216
Union Camp	60	60
Union Carbide	52	52
Union Pacific	68	68
Unisys Corp	11	11
USF&G Corp	22	22
United Tech	78	78
Unocal Corp	38	38
VF Corp	88	89
Wal-Mart Stores	35	36
Warner-Lambert	127	128
Waste Mngmnt	32	32
Wells Fargo	256	256
Westinghouse El	25	25
Weyerhaeuser	59	59
Whirlpool	58	58
Whitman	24	24
Winn Dixie	34	35
Witco Corp	45	46
Woolworth	23	23
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	73	73
Xerox	76	76
Xilinx Inc	50	50

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Tarnished tigers still burn bright

Salute an extraordinary economic achievement. Over the past two decades the number of people in East Asia officially classified as poor has halved. As the World Bank claims with some feeling, this rate of progress is virtually unprecedented in human history. If there was ever any lingering doubt of the power of market-led enterprise to drive economic progress anywhere round the world, this one statistic surely clinches it.

The bad news is that the World Bank's official definition of poverty is extremely low, equivalent to surviving on roughly £1-a day in today's money. And nearly 350 million people, more than in any other region, are still eking out such a marginal existence.

Three quarters of them are in China, the rest mainly in the more remote parts of other big empires such as Indonesia. These are often peopled by racial minorities loathed by the centre. Outside Japan, £1-a-day poverty has been abolished only in a few East Asian countries, notably in Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan. And as skilled workers earn bigger differentials, the relatively poor become a bigger cultural threat.

Few would bet against progress being repeated on a similar scale over the next dozen years. China's enterprise revolution, though rattling up huge levels of production and trade, is only in its infancy. And other parts of the region are held back by war or repression, whose perpetrators may eventually realise what they are missing.

Asian tigers such as South Korea, Taiwan and Malaysia, which grasped the baton of export-led growth from Japan in the 1970s, are becoming wealthy, high-grade economies. When the currencies are in the right part of the sky, income per head of small economies such as Singapore and Hong Kong is fully comparable with most EU members states.

There are problems. Even the bigger economies are equivalent in size and potential only to individual European countries. Collectively, they are dwarfed by China. As medium-sized economic powers, they must increasingly look over their shoulders. They are vulnerable to the vicissitudes of world markets. They must fear the threat to their markets from China, the bigger, cheaper newcomer as the next generation. They also face the perils of making the transition to a mature economy, which are still causing so much angst in Japan.

This vulnerability is being brought home by the currency storms now hitting the region. They began in Thailand, which had seen enormous manufacturing growth but on a less secure base of domestic savings than others. A modest downturn soon produced a domestic financial crash and sent foreigners scuttling. The baht has tumbled a third against the dollar, sending Thailand for a $17 billion package from the International Monetary Fund.

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

The battle of the baht has been followed by attacks on the currencies of Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Taiwan, South Korea, Singapore and, briefly, even on Hong Kong's well-backed dollar. Dr Mahathir Mohamed, Malaysia's combative Prime Minister, has blamed George Soros and claimed that he had political motives. The bogeyman of the foreign exchanges has hotly denied it.

Some of the attacks have little apparent logic, save that speculators cannot distinguish one economy from another. But the combination of current trade deficits and heavy inward investment, typical of developing economies since the early growth of America, can leave a currency in the lurch if confidence suddenly evaporates.

IMF packages come with tough conditions, especially on rampant state spending. Even without the IMF, involuntary devaluations will force retrenchment all round South East Asia, setting back the livings of many of those hundreds of millions who are, by World Bank standards, no longer poor. Conglomerates are collapsing, restrictive tariffs are being dusted down, projects are being shelved.

Dr Mahathir has a point when he complains that the IMF should have been better prepared after the Mexico peso debacle. Medium-sized countries need some counterweight to the immeasurably bigger combined forces of speculators, if they are not to be forced into EU-type regional currency unions.

Setbacks on the foreign exchanges are, however, rarely damaging for long. They can have the same painful but beneficial effect as the periodic blitz on costs to take out the fat in a business.

The longer-term challenge is to work out how your country can ride the economic rollercoaster driven on by each new country or continent that joins the competitive world. And to start moving that way. Singapore has long planned to be the Switzerland of Asia, a project that has brought disasters such as pushing wages up ahead of a world recession. On the whole it has worked.

Today, Singapore is trying to wire up its whole economy to the information revolution. South Korea is seeing its industrial structure creak without having a new one for the next phase.

There seems little point in medium-sized countries such as Britain, even within the EU, merely aping what is happening in the Far East. Still less is there cause to cut real wages to cut costs, a forlorn proposition given those 250 million Chinese yet to enter the economic mainstream. The tigers do not, on the whole, believe that they are in conflict with the next generation. The rich, if they rely on trade, have to build their own monopolies: of invention, creativity, quality and brand marketing.

That is easier if you are small and lack the relatively poor who become more angry and troublesome as economies become wealthier. The City would make a highly competitive country. The challenge is to bring three or four more sectors to the same standard.

Wigan's peerless alpine proposals have sparked avalanche warnings

Dominic Walsh

on fears that the burgeoning leisure park industry may be riding for a fall

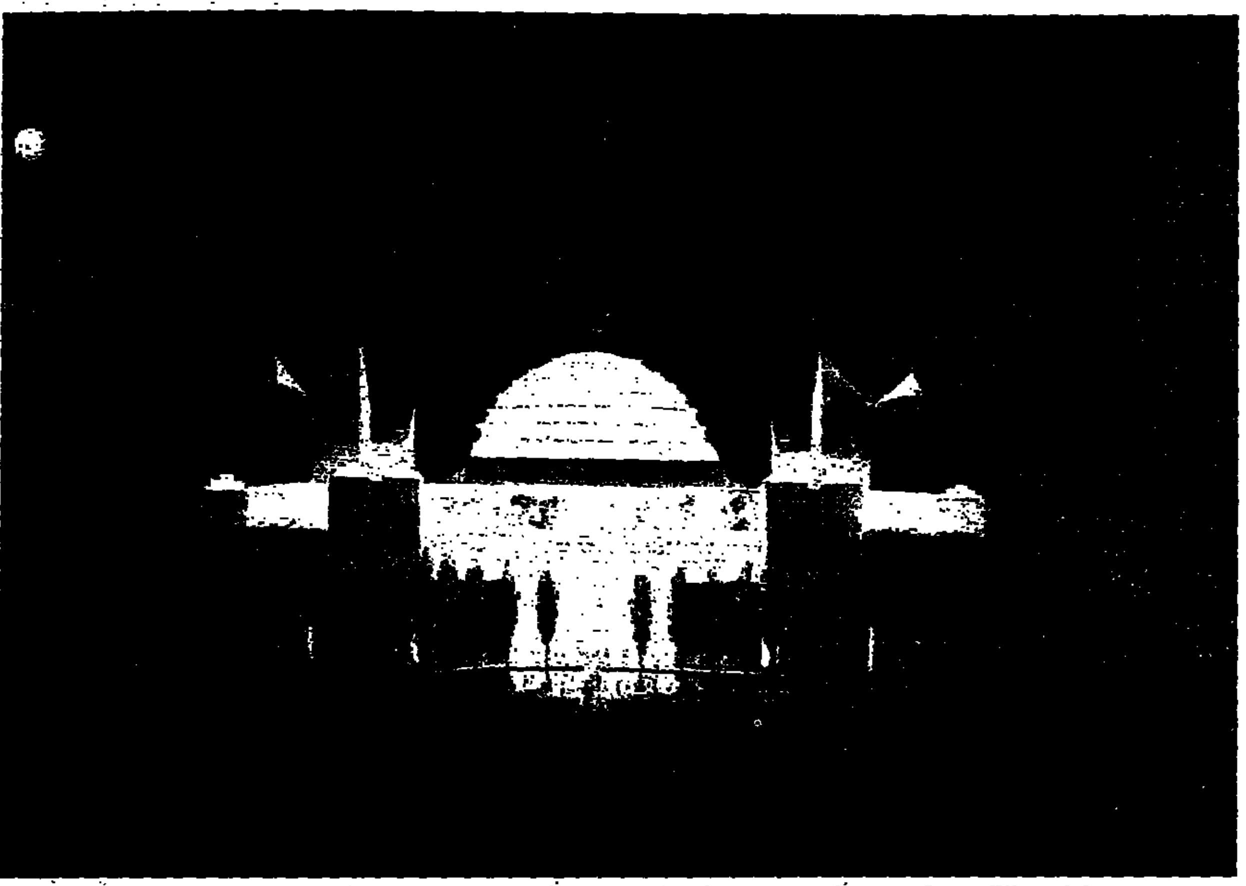
Wigan may not have a pier but it could soon boast its very own alpine ski village. The public's appetite for indoor leisure pursuits has developed to the point where a leisure park is operating or proposed in every large conurbation in the UK. But the £150 million scheme unveiled this month by Wigan Council and Moorfield Estates is seen by some as the first sign of potential indigestion.

It is the sheer scale and breadth of the proposal, billed as the largest in the UK, that is causing alarm bells to ring. The 70-acre complex in Leigh, to be known as Xanadu (after Kublai Khan's fabled Chinese palace), will be housed in a 75 metre-high domed building the centrepiece of which will be a 375,000 sq ft "real" snow skiing slope and alpine village.

The proposal talks of creating a "cinetropolis-style screen-based virtual reality experience" and megaplex cinema as well as an aquatics centre, hotel and a host of shops, restaurants and bars. The aim, according to Wigan Council, which owns most of the land, is to create a flagship development in the North West that will attract five million visitors a year and "increase the reputation of the region across the world".

One leading leisure consultant said: "This is horribly reminiscent of some of the crazy schemes of the late 1980s that were based around things like indoor hang-gliding centres. Some of the artists' impressions had to be seen to be believed, but most of them remained just that: artists' impressions."

John Sloane, borough planning officer for Wigan, admits the scheme is ambitious but he is adamant that the scale of the plan is merely a response to market demand, with the developers calling the shots. "There's always got to be a first in any field," he said. "After all, there had never been a major shopping centre before on the scale of the MetroCentre [in Gateshead]."



Wigan Council believes that the proposed Xanadu leisure development will attract five million visitors a year

The key to the scheme's success, according to Moorfield Estates, is its location between Manchester and Liverpool, providing an estimated catchment of 20 million people within a 90-minute drive. Marc Gilbard, managing director, said there had already been strong interest from the big leisure and retail operators and he is confident of pre-letting a substantial proportion of the scheme as it goes through the planning process. "Once a major part of the development is pre-let, finance for a scheme of this nature and quality will be readily securable," he added.

Moorfield has submitted a planning application in conjunction with Greenbank Partnerships, a developer based in Wigan, and has brought in Acer Snowmec, a subsidiary of Hyder, the Welsh water and electricity group, to develop the skiing facility.

Peter Gwilliam, a chartered surveyor specialising in the leisure property field, said successful leisure parks are generally based around a multiplex cinema with restaurants and bars, and complementary attractions such as health and fitness, bingo and ten-pin bowling. He said: "The multiplex is the all-important anchor, but where they start to get overcomplicated and overambitious you begin to ask questions."

The proliferation of multiplexes — there are currently more than 80, with around 30 on leisure parks — has been driven by the turnaround in cinema attendances. But Mr Gwilliam warned that the multiplex cinema market was rapidly approaching saturation. By the end of the year the total will have reached 100, and there another 50 or so at various stages of the planning and development process, all of them as part of leisure parks. "Traditionally multiplex operators have resisted going head-to-head in a catchment area, but we're beginning to see that slip," he said. "Where that has happened there are already warning signs that trading is suffering."

Another potential problem is security, particularly at leisure parks with so-called family entertainment centres, which look set to become a feature of many of the proposed new parks.

Bass, First Leisure and Allied Kunick are all developing centres with motion simulation rides and virtual reality technology. THI, the leisure group that has pioneered leisure parks, believes it is only a matter of time before they replace the cinema as the anchor for parks in some locations.

But without strict security they have the potential to become hangouts for bands of youths and gangs, and some investors are worried about the effect reports of stabbings and drug dealing are having on some centres. James Welch, partner in charge of leisure at Jones Lang Wootton, the property adviser, said: "Security is one of the major issues. A number of institutions have become slightly concerned when nightclubs are opened within the leisure parks. Most of their income comes from the sale of alcohol and it can create a different atmosphere."

Simon Leadbetter, of developer Marylebone Warwick Balfour, said that the provision of a safe, clean and attractive environment is essential.

Mr Leadbetter added that while closed-circuit TV cameras might draw attention to a potential crime problem, an open approach was reassuring to both tenants and customers alike. He cited the example of Tower Park in Poole, Dorset, which highlights in its promotional literature the fact that all public areas are protected by 24-hour security cameras and personnel. In addition, trees have been thinned down and floodlighting increased to make the car park more visible, helping to halve the relatively low levels of crime compared to a year ago.

One aspect of leisure parks that does not appear to be a problem is funding, although the size of the schemes tends to exclude the smaller funds. According to a recent briefing note by Weatherall Green & Smith, the surveyor, there is a potential £500 million of leisure demand from institutions, and with a small supply of completed parks and a finite number of proposed parks prices are likely to rise.

Among the biggest investors are MEPC, Norwich Union, owner of the recently opened Kings Park in Stevenage, and the British Airways Pension Fund, which has purchased the new Cardiff Bay leisure park. One of the biggest players is Marylebone Warwick Balfour, which has put together a £125 million leisure fund.

The biggest potential barrier to the growth of leisure parks, according to Mr Welch, is in the area of planning consent. Government moves to limit the number of out-of-town developments are having a major impact, with several big schemes having been called in and developers moving to smaller sites closer to the centre of town.

He said: "We are likely to see more in-town multi-level schemes based on US-style multi-entertainment centres where the emphasis is on greater sophistication of design." Proposals of this type are in the pipeline in several cities, including Manchester, Glasgow and Newcastle.

While the Wigan development appears unlikely to meet too many planning obstacles, recent trends would suggest the scope for more Xanadu-style developments may be limited.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Block votes disenfranchise Sids

From Mr Noel Falconer

Sir, I stood as an outside candidate for the board of British Gas at its last AGM, alongside eight directors seeking re-election, and 83,222 shareholders — a majority of the members who voted — supported me. Their holdings were overwhelmed by those of the institutions, but still amounted to some 30 per cent of the shares voted.

In any fair electoral system this would have secured one seat from those eight or nine. Only, if Parliament were appointed as are plc directors, the entire electorate would vote in each constituency, so that whichever party secured a majority, however marginal, would occupy the Commons totally, without a single opposition MP. Similarly, the institutions appoint every member of every board with their block votes, effectively disenfranchising Sids by the million.

Predictably, the Hampel report neglects this. Small shareholders were excluded from Sir Ronald's committee, as they were from Cadbury I and II and Greenbury, its predecessors, for all of which I volunteered. Craving power, Labour undertook to assemble a more representative expert panel on corporate governance. In power . . . nothing.

Foxes are guarding the henhouse, and being indulged in their abuses.

Yours sincerely,
NOEL FALCONER,
223 Bramhall Moor Lane,
Stockport, Cheshire.

Supply strategy devalues brand

From Mr James M. Griffiths

Sir, Adidas UK has acted naively in its decision not to supply Tesco directly. It is insulting to the Great British public that Adidas feels its brand is unsuitable for sale in an environment that so obviously suits such a large number of consumers.

This strategy is localised and is different from Adidas distribution in Europe and the US, where a variety of channels retail Adidas merchandise.

Managing distribution channels is key to the success of a strong brand. This action effectively fuels a grey market which threatens all Adidas retail outlets and devalues the brand. Surely working constructively with Tesco and proactively managing the market would be more beneficial to all (the brand, the specialist chain, the multiple and the consumer).

Yours faithfully,
JAMES M. GRIFFITHS,
Casa de Campo,
Begur, Spain.

Taxpayers victims of 'rotten choice'

From Mr Michael Gray

Sir, By an interesting coincidence the front page of the business section on August 19 gave two examples of how Government robs taxpayers of money. IFirst, we gave £320 million to subsidise Asfordby colliery only to see it close two years later. 2Secondly, the profits generated by Stagecoach bus and train services demonstrate the cheapness with which taxpayers' assets were sold.

Will this Government do any better? It looks set to subsidise another motor works at our expense to create jobs while curbing the use of cars. Since cars are built to last longer than ever, yet must soon be used less, it will not be long before taxpayers have to fund the closure of most factories.

Why are electors offered such a rotten choice of governments?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL GRAY,
Fairfield, Hillcrest Park,
Exeter, Devon.

Edging in

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

FEAR and loathing at HSBC James Capel, which hasn't been the same since when the affable Peter Quinnen used to run the show. The broker is suffering an invasion of personnel from NatWest. Douglas Baker, head of market making, is ex-NatWest, and has just brought in two former colleagues. Jim O'Donnell, chief executive officer, is an old NatWest hand, while sales, under James Rowsell, has brought in a handful of, yes, NatWest types, with rumours of more to come. Capel longservers are none too pleased. I hear some are wondering if their days are numbered.

Peter Quinnen ran James Capel in a more affable way

☐ *DAVID TAYLOR, MP for Leicester North West, was at the union meeting yesterday trying to save the local Asfordby pit. Should he really have turned up in his VW Golf, complete with personalised number-plate TAY 110R, though? Taylor, David; yes, new Labour, class of 1997. Thought so. Wouldn't know his mushy peas from his avocado mousse.*

Holy writ

SOME very cautious and very devout investors are being courted by the Alkhawarizmi Fund, which claims to be the first Islamically acceptable fund using a market-neutral strategy avoiding volatile ups and downs of the market. It also avoids companies with interests in pork, alcohol, tobacco, gambling or arms. The fund, managed by Barr Rosenberg, "is named after the 14th century Arab mathematician from whose name the word logarithm was derived".

Let us hope its knowledge of the *sharia* is better than of history or etymology. He lived in the 8th and 9th centuries. He named algorithms and algebra; logarithm comes from the Greek.

Rubbish pile

DIRTY dealings down on the rubbish dump: the Environmental Trust Scheme Regulatory Body has had to raise administration fees from 1 per cent to 5 per cent after just a year of life because the nation's landfill operators have not been passing on the landfill tax they have been levying on dumpers of rubbish. The money is supposed to go to various worthies to be spent on good works, ecologically speaking. Some then goes to the regulator, whose job is to decide which bodies are worthy enough to receive the cash.

My informant says sourly that administrative costs should at this rate consume all the proceeds of the landfill tax by the summer of 1999. Not so, claims Richard Sills, chief executive, who expects an infill of funds very shortly as the administrative year ends. I seem to recall this tax was claimed by the last Government as one of its few genuinely green initiatives. We will have to watch its progress.

☐ *A PLAINTIVE cry from the City Brasserie, virtually the only occupant still at Plantation House, which is due for demolition next spring. Bookings are down, and the famous queue for the cloakroom is not to blame this time. "A lot of people seem to think we have gone," says general manager Susannah Jackson. But the amount of work needed around the corner at the New Corn Exchange means the Brasserie will have to stay where it is almost until the demolition crews move in.*

Inn is out

EMBARRASSMENT at Forte and its Heritage hotels, a motley collection of small hotels distinguished by that anonymous, bland service the company does so well. A campaign for cut-price breaks this summer in the press is illustrated with a welcoming timber-framed country house. This is just recognisable from the sign as the Star Inn at Alfriston, a rather pretty village in East Sussex — something of a flagship for the brand but not, alas, included in the offer. A shamefaced Forte source admits: "It was a genuine mistake. The Star was originally in the special offer, and then asked to be removed from it, for their own reasons."

MARTIN WALLER

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Income Acc	31.85	33.52	- 0.02	6.70
European Gwth	79.66	83.66	- 0.28	0.16
Evergreen	34.61	37.01	- 0.05	
General Equity	125.52	132.47	- 0.66	2.41
Japan Growth	42.03	[illegible]	- 0.73	
Pacific Gwth	72.51	75.84	+ 0.32	1.91
Pref Sm Cos Inc	40.17	42.51	- 0.03	1.52
-do- Accum	43.82	45.52	+ 0.02	1.52
Retirement Inc	22.22	23.29	+ 0.11	5.42
Special Sits	52.98	56.37	- 0.05	2.91
UK Gr Overseas	70.23	74.22	- 0.11	0.41
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	78.56	91.72	- 0.25	3.76
Capital	96.68	103.70	- 0.38	2.19
High Income	54.12	56.37	- 0.07	6.36
Top 50	68.69	71.56	- 0.65	2.25
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	214.67	225.64	- 0.94	4.31
Long Gilt	46.93	48.92	- 0.05	5.85
Monthly Inc Plus	54.38	56.55	- 0.11	7.90
Preference Share	52.60	55.76	- 0.15	7.25
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	156.13	161.67	- 0.50	3.54
Managed Fund	85.71	89.25	- 0.09	2.53
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	51.73	53.69	+ 0.01	1.58
-do- Accum	61.96	64.44	+ 0.01	1.58
UK & General	136.77	135.65	- 0.95	2.31
-do- Accum	154.90	161.27	- 1.13	2.31
UK Growth	231.33	240.98	+ 1.82	1.63
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	254.69	265.33	- 0.92	0.51
Far Eastern Gth	135.62	141.78	- 0.99	0.20
Global Bond	74.39	77.50	- 0.14	5.63
Japan Growth	106.19	110.63	- 2.29	
North Amer Gth	296.38	308.87	- 0.26	
Oriental Growth	86.95	90.42	- 0.15	0.54
Worldwide Growth	92.85	96.31		0.30
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.19	92.13	- 0.07	6.07
Homemaker Fund	102.19	108.72	+ 0.04	1.99
Quitas Fund	177.60	184.68	+ 0.55	1.71
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	39.37	42.11		2.98
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	195.30	207.70	- 0.10	1.86
Income	81.25	86.54	- 0.38	4.14
European	90.64	96.43	- 0.73	0.11
Recovery	183.90	195.60	- 0.60	2.20
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1183.60	1205.40		3.03
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
European Inc	92.54	97.62	- 0.36	0.36
Fellowship Tst	115.60	122.90	- 0.20	1.11
Income #	321.70	342.20	- 2.00	4.02
-do- Accum #	874.90	930.70	- 5.40	4.02
Smaller Cos	228.30	242.70		0.76
-do- Accum	295.20	303.30	+ 0.10	0.76
Gth Portfolio	111.00	119.00	+ 0.30	1.34
High Inc Port #	94.10	100.10	+ 0.45	4.17
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1654				
Global Sm Cos	1917.80	1934.50		0.50
UK Small Cos	2234.50	2322.50		2.96
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
N Amer Gwth	153.70	162.90	- 0.90	
Pacific Growth	11.33	12.02	- 0.03	0.39
Emg Mkts Gwth	91.26	96.83	- 0.44	
Japan Growth	52.58	55.78	- 0.73	
Dealing 01277 842625				
Gwth Port Inc	80.52	84.98	- 0.77	0.62
Gwth Port Acc	81.87	86.41	- 0.78	0.62
Int Port Inc	71.15	75.09	- 0.88	3.83
Int Port Acc	81.40	85.91	- 0.78	3.53
Wanda Port	65.61	69.25	- 0.88	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	709.20	709.20	- 4.30	2.08
-do- Accum	1479.00	1479.00	- 9.00	2.08
Equity Income #	116.40	116.40	+ 0.50	4.73

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Brit Leaders Inc	437.77	465.71	+ 4.02	1.56
Intl Leaders	280.13	298.01	+ 1.24	0.59
PAM Mg Bal Grth	79.53	79.69	- 0.37	0.33
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	346.00	368.10	- 1.00	
-do- Accum	363.50	382.90	- 0.90	
American Opps	139.80	148.50	+1.200	
-do- Accum	141.60	150.30	+1.200	
British Blue Chip	117.00	124.20	+1.000	2.42
-do- Accum	152.50	162.00	+1.300	2.42
Cash	100.60	100.60		6.47
-do- Accum *	154.40	154.40		6.47
Emerging Mkts	165.30	177.70	+1.500	0.17
-do- Accum	167.70	180.30	+1.500	0.17

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Far Eastern	230.60	230.60	- 2.40	
Fixed Interest	57.12	57.12	+ 0.04	6.58
Gilt	95.38	95.38	- 0.15	6.10
Global Growth	90.04	90.04	- 0.18	
Intl Bond	49.03	49.03	- 0.19	4.98
Japanese	65.14	65.14	- 1.12	
North American	279.20	279.20	- 0.60	
Pacific Growth	127.70	127.70	- 0.40	0.06
Pacific Index	47.36	47.36	+ 0.03	1.96
UK Index	92.47	92.47	+ 0.56	2.61
UK Recovery	130.60	130.60	+ 0.50	1.42
UK Smaller Cos	168.70	168.70	- 0.10	1.22
US Index	109.20	109.20	- 0.30	0.73

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Growth	400.00	423.70	+2.600	0.45
-do- Accum	436.50	462.40	+3.000	0.45
European Income	99.97	105.70	+0.600	3.63
-do- Accum	150.60	159.20	+0.800	3.83
General	684.40	727.50	+1.300	2.17
-do- Accum	1419.00	1507.00	+2.000	2.17
Global Bond	128.50	135.00	+0.800	4.02
-do- Accum	174.50	183.40	+1.000	4.02
Gold & General	167.00	178.80	+1.000	0.41
-do- Accum	172.80	185.00	+1.000	0.41
Govt Securities	97.50	100.50	+0.100	5.78
-do- Accum	214.60	221.20	+0.300	5.78
High Yield Bd	106.10	108.60	- 0.10	6.54
-do- Accum	117.30	120.20	- 0.10	6.54
Income	224.30	238.40	+1.500	3.78

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	54.78	57.21	- 0.73	
Cash	48.31	50.32	+ 0.01	3.61
Emerging Mkts	58.61	61.21	- 0.94	
Europe	73.93	77.21	- 1.51	
Global Fixed Int #	49.24	54.42	- 0.51	4.44
Japan	37.75	39.42	- 0.89	
North America	84.29	88.03	- 0.65	
UK	76.13	79.50	- 0.44	0.42
UK Equity Inc #	70.14	73.25	- 0.42	3.31
UK Fixed Int #	52.15	54.46	- 0.03	6.90
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	59.29	61.49	- 0.60	
Pep Inc Port #	57.48	59.56	- 0.38	2.84
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 826 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	163.50	173.28	- 1.98	0.24
Pacific Basin	80.43	86.13	- 1.08	0.30
High Inc Dist	195.30	208.10	- 0.30	3.40
Ryl Life Int Chrty	68.95	72.73	- 0.28	4.01
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	91.93	97.13	- 1.43	0.08
Ryl Life Intl Spec	80.87	85.61	- 0.90	
UK Emerging Cos	136.60	147.58	- 0.30	1.18
UK Index Tracking	238.20	253.00	- 0.60	3.17
European	212.80	226.10	- 3.00	0.15
Managed	210.80	225.60	- 1.50	0.86
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	243.30	258.90	- 2.90	1.03
European Growth	181.00	192.30	- 2.00	1.12
Far East Growth	165.30	175.90	- 3.60	0.60
Japan Growth	110.60	117.70	+ 0.40	0.49
Special Sits	265.50	282.40	+ 0.20	1.60
UK Growth	123.00	130.80	- 0.20	2.61
Intl Growth	332.50	353.80	- 2.80	1.63
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 8500				
Far East Inc	168.20	175.90	- 2.20	0.31
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	512.70	542.60	+ 3.10	0.48
-do- Accum	804.50	851.30	+ 4.90	0.48
Growth Inc	176.30	186.60	+ 0.90	0.13
-do- Accum	181.30	191.90	+ 1.00	0.13
International Inc	463.90	490.90	+ 2.60	0.75
-do- Accum	643.70	681.30	+ 3.70	0.15
Nth Am & Intl Inc	484.40	512.60	+ 3.40	
UK Gen Prog Inc	286.86	303.50	+ 1.60	1.74
-do- Accum	332.30	351.60	+ 1.80	1.74
UK High Inc Inc	170.60	180.50	+ 1.40	4.44
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	135.34	143.97	+ 0.57	0.75
European Gwth	115.29	122.65	+ 0.31	1.00
Global Bd	80.86	84.32	+ 0.48	5.00
Japan	49.80	52.77	- 0.51	
UK Gwth	98.79	105.10	- 1.00	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Giftquote: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Smllr Cos	184.70	196.00	- 0.20	
Cash	140.50	140.50		6.52
China Dragon	98.58	104.90	+ 0.20	0.29
Commodity	143.70	152.90	- 0.60	
Emerging Mkts	46.42	49.38	- 0.12	0.37
European Gwth	295.10	313.90	- 3.10	
Euro Smllr Cos	80.93	86.10	+ 0.20	
Extra Income #	84.06	88.36	- 0.21	5.27
Far Eastern	101.30	107.80	- 0.80	
FE Sm Cos	45.58	48.50	- 0.18	0.51
Financial Secs	400.90	426.50	- 2.70	1.33
Gold & Exploration	62.98	67.00	+ 0.39	
Growth	501.80	534.50	- 4.60	1.51
High Income	51.02	51.02	+ 0.06	6.78
Intl Bond	160.60	169.70	+ 0.70	5.15
ITG	269.40	286.60	- 1.80	0.79
Japan Growth	146.80	155.70	- 2.50	
Japan Smaller	130.60	138.50	- 0.60	
Korea	40.50	43.78	- 0.35	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0800 73 11 093				
Capital Pfrmnce	58.15	62.15	+ 0.08	7.00
Ethical	87.57	93.76	+ 0.06	1.17
European Growth	95.12	101.50	+ 0.50	
Income	68.53	73.37	+ 0.36	3.49
Intl Growth	127.20	134.60	- 0.03	
Managed	166.90	173.22	+ 0.30	0.18
UK Growth	95.94	97.91	+ 0.05	1.22
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Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	52.76	53.03	- 0.30	1.31
Global Advtg Acc	52.00	58.29	- 0.30	1.31
Income Advtg Inc	42.02	42.77	- 0.30	3.75
Income Advtg Acc	50.40	50.56	- 0.10	3.75
UK Equity Gth Acc	119.60	126.80	- 0.60	1.53
Premier Inc Inc	51.83	52.67		7.05
Premier Inc Acc	57.97	59.15		7.05
Managed Acc	72.62	76.93	- 0.30	1.94
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	48.85	51.79	- 0.10	4.03
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	66.79	70.17	- 0.10	4.03
UK Smlr Cos Acc	49.55	52.53	- 0.10	0.60
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	95.62	101.60	- 0.20	1.61
UK Equity Gen Inc	67.99	72.14	- 0.10	1.61
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	33.39	35.31	+ 0.10	6.28
Ocean Lrg Co Acc	409.50	443.30	- 4.10	1.69
Nth American Acc	73.64	78.25	- 0.90	0.01
Pacific Basin	44.50	47.29	- 0.70	0.57
European Acc	69.05	72.37	- 0.90	0.19
Japan Acc	24.66	26.21	+ 0.10	0.79
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	5.427	5.758	-0.082	1.60
US Eqts (US$)	4.536	4.795	- 0.10	0.62
Far East Eqts (yen)	266.70	282.60	- 0.10	
FT Europe	158.80	197.30	-3.700	0.99
FT N Asia (US$)	3.623	3.823	-0.028	
FT Japan (yen)	171.00	181.50	- 5.90	
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.956	3.170	-0.157	0.97
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	619.20	654.50	- 2.80	
British #	1471.70	1557.10	+ 4.80	2.76
Emrgng Mkts	204.10	217.40	- 0.50	0.42
Euro Gwth Inc	112.00	118.70	+ 0.20	
Euro Small Co	65.53	69.76	- 0.50	0.18
Japan	113.90	120.80	- 2.50	
Asia Pacific	476.00	506.90	+ 0.40	1.07
-do- Accum	517.90	551.50	+ 0.40	1.07
Inv Trust Acc	332.20	352.00	- 0.70	1.00
Mngd Equity	228.10	241.30		2.39
Mngd Cash	96.08	96.08	+ 0.01	6.49
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 399				
Equity	1292.00	1371.00	+10.00	1.60
North America	229.50	256.10	- 0.70	
Far East	164.00	175.40	- 1.00	
Worldw Bond	56.37	59.82	+ 0.10	4.21
European	177.30	189.60	+ 0.30	0.17
Equity Income #	132.00	141.10	+ 0.90	4.21
Portfolio	132.30	141.30	+ 0.70	1.06
UK Leading Cos	99.45	106.00	+ 0.90	1.09
High Inc Bond	50.82	50.90	+ 0.05	6.36
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	86.14	91.06	- 0.91	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Actions UT	24.45	26.02	- 0.13	0.89
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	102.38	108.90	+ 0.05	6.69
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	110.08	117.11	+ 0.05	6.69
European	63.37	67.42	+ 0.27	0.38
High Income	40.96	43.58	+ 0.25	3.28
Japan	33.65	35.80	- 0.61	0.01

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TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
490	407½	Allied Domecq	467½	-2	5.9	13.8
626	410	Bulmer (HP)	417½	-5	4.1	41.6
75½	40½	Burn Stewart	43½		9.8	10.8
1040	865	Glenmorangie A	975		1.7	24.1
631	425½	Grand Met	577	-3	3.3	18.6
627	424	Guinness	566	-2	3.6	16.1
380	307½	Highland Distil	320½	-2	3.3	15.8
336	232	Matthew Clark	237		12.7	7.1
109½	52½	Merrydown Wt	60		6.5	14.8
2005½	1462½	SA Breweries	1859¼	-19¼	2.0	...

BANKS

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1521¼	918¼	ABN-AMRO	1387½	-6¼	2.5	18.9
971	710	Abbey Natl	839	+18½	4.1	13.7
855	622½	Alliance & Leic	629½	+2½	3.9	14.8
583	380½	Allied Irish	526	+7½	3.5	14.9
488½	363½	Aus New Z	463¾	+½	4.1	...
4671½	2875	Bank America	4193½	-53¾	...	
452	291½	Bank Scotland	412½	+2½	2.5	32.5
1462	878½	Barclays	1414	+18	3.8	13.4
764	517½	Bk of Ireland	717½	+4	2.8	15.7
8828½	6006¼	Citicorp	8250	-103¼	2.8	...
1758¼	1268¼	Commerzbk	1662½	-9¼	0.8	...
952½	588½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	700½	-18½	1.6	...
4321¼	2709¼	Deutsche Bk	3787½		2.9	...
1300	758½	Espirito Santo	1205½	+3½	0.6	...
947½	584¼	Fuji Bank Y	782½	-15¼	2.7	17.3
2369½	1277½	HSBC	2111		2.8	18.5
2258¼	1241	HSBC 10p	2095	+5	2.9	19.1
783	701½	Halifax	714	-3½	2.6	16.4
610	485½	Irish Perm	592½	-2½	2.4	21.5
787½	424	Lloyds TSB	739¼	+15	4.7	11.8

WATER

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
811	577½	Anglian	773½	+1	5.6	10.2
275	202	East Surrey	273		4.9	11.1
881½	740	Hyder	641	+6	6.5	7.2
111½	101½	Hyder Cm Pf	108		9.1	
640	532½	Mid Kent Hldgs	595		6.3	11.0
974½	663	**Severn Trent**	906½	+12	5.5	3.7
2926	2755	South Staffs	2850		4.9	12.8
835	586½	South West	795½	-5	5.8	9.8
818½	593½	**Thames W**	730½	-3	5.4	9.2
789	605½	**Utd Utilities**	703	-1	6.5	11.8
501	344½	Wessex	461½	-3	4.7	9.2
465½	325	Yorkshire	439		5.3	9.3

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1997 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115½	84½	Abacus Recruit	115½	-2	0.5	22.3
215	170	Cale Inns▼	165		2.0	17.4
230	153½	Country Gdns	206	-1	1.0	19.1
262½	180	Dawson Hldgs	215		2.8	20.7
51½	33½	Freepages	37	-½		
98½	75	Megalomedia	81½	+1	0.3	40.6
65	22½	Memory Corp	36	-1		
590	280	Prism Rail	291			
1265	945	Ramco Egy	1150	-5	0.1	
783	619½	Southern News	755½	+3	3.0	24.5
72½	55½	Southern Vectis	67½		3.9	
510	410	Surrey Free Inns	498½	-6	9.7	
60½	17¼	Trocadero	22		..	

Source: FT Information

Price at suspension. † Ex dividend. ‡ Ex scrip. ▲ Ex rights issue. ▼ Ex all. § Ex capital distribution. * Figures on report awaited. — No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 Index.

BRITISH FUNDS

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
123⅝	115⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120⅝	-⅛	9.78	7.17
111⅞	106¼	Treas 8½% 2007	109⅞	-⅛	7.77	7.15
102⅞	96⅞	Treas 7¼% 2007	101⅝	-⅛	7.17	7.09
116	108⅞	Treas 9% 2008	114⅝	-⅛	7.88	7.12
109⅛	101	Treas 8% 2009	107	-⅛	7.48	7.12

LONGS (over 15 years)

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
90¼	86¼	Treas 6¼% 2010	92⅞	-⅛	6.75	7.12
119¼	109½	Conv 9% 2011	116⅝	-⅛	7.74	7.13
117⅝	109½	Treas 9% 2012	116⅝	-⅛	7.69	7.13
89⅛	80⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	87⅛	-⅛	6.31	6.92
110⅛	100⅞	Treas 8% 2013	109⅛	-⅛	7.39	7.12
107⅞	98⅞	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	105⅛	-⅛	7.35	7.14
111⅞	101¼	Treas 8% 2015	109⅞	-⅛	7.30	7.05
120⅝	109⅛	Treas 8¾% 2017	117⅜	-⅛	7.44	7.09
115⅞	101⅞	Tr 8% 2021	111⅞	-⅛	7.19	7.02

UNDATED

1997 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
50⅛	43⅞	War Ln 3½%	49⅞	-⅛	7.05	
35⅞	30⅞	Treas 2½%	34⅞	-⅛	7.23	
55⅛	49⅞	Consols 4%	54⅞	+⅛	7.36	

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DEGREE COURSE VACANCIES 1997: ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEGREE vacancies in arts and social sciences appear today for students aiming to secure a last-minute place at university or college.

The listings have been updated as popular courses have continued to fill up. Arts and social science are always among the most sought-after vacancies. In the last 24 hours. Queen's University Belfast. Queen Mary and Westfield College. London. and the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology have all withdrawn from clearing.

Tomorrow's list of degree vacancies in engineering. technology and science will be the last published this summer. The information is also available on The Times website. http://www.the-times.ac.uk.

*An asterisk shows courses are part of modular schemes. in a variety of combinations. All other courses are identified by the codes used in the Ucas handbook.

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Bournemouth. M345
Napier. N150

COMMUNICATION(S)/ COMMUNICATION SCIENCE/ COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Anglia. GR51. GR52. *
Bournemouth. H620
Bradford. P300
Central England. G523
Central School of Speech and Drama. B950
Colchester Inst. PQ33. PV31. PL33
East London. P300
Edge Hill Uni Col. PP34. LP33. PQ33
Glamorgan. P300
Lincolnshire & Humberside. *
Liverpool John Moores. L520
Manchester Metropolitan. P310
Middlesex. P300P
Napier. P300
North London. Y301. LN61. LNP1. LP63. LW65. LW64
Northumbria. H620. H628. H621
Nottingham Trent. P300
Ripon & York Col. P3W4. PW3K. PW34. PW33
Robert Gordon. P3T9
Sheffield Hallam. P300
Southampton. P300
Sunderland. P300
Teesside. WG25
UWIC. 026H

COMMUNITY STUDIES

Bolton Inst. *
De Montfort. L520
Derby. L520. L521
Liverpool Inst Performing Arts. W431
Liverpool John Moores. L520. LL5H
Reading. L520
St Mark & St John. L5M9. L5N7. L5P3
St Martin Uni Col. Lancaster. LW51. L520
Westhill Col. L500

CONFLICT STUDIES

Bradford. M931

CONTEMPORARY STUDIES

Dartington Col. W433. W4ND
Edge Uni Hill Col. M104
Sussex. V1TM. V1TF. V1MX

CORPORATE COMMUNICATION

Robert Gordon. P300
Southampton Inst. P300

CREATIVE ARTS

Bolton Inst. *
Brighton. V451
Glamorgan. E270. W900
Manchester Met. W430
Middlesex. W400P. W455Z
Roehampton Inst. PW52

CREATIVE WRITING

Bangor. Q3W4
Liverpool John Moores. WQ93
Manchester Metropolitan. Y420

CROATIAN OL/S

Nottingham. T180

CULTURE/CULTURAL STUDIES

Aberdeen. V900. *
Bolton Inst. *
Bretton Hall. M900
Brighton. LV61. V400
Coventry. P300
De Montfort. W901. Q310
Durham. L600
East London. L610
Lampeter. LL6V. L601. L800. *
Manchester Met. Y420
Middlesex. LM69P
North London. PT27. MT37. NT77. NT7T. LT37. LP63. LW65. LW64. QM51. LQ35. NR54
Ripon & York Col. L610. L6Q3
Teesside. LV69. *
Salford. W100. E100
Sheffield. T310. T500. TT45. T400. T515
Staffordshire. L674. FL96. LL86. LL76. *
Suffolk Uni Col. YC31*
West of England. L6P3. LV61

DEAF STUDIES

Wolverhampton. *

DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Bradford. TL53
Derby. M9L3
Durham. L1F9
East London. M920. L118. *
Leeds. M920
London Guildhall. Y400
Southampton. *
Staffordshire. MWY5. RM1Y. MPY4. RM4Y. *
St Mark & St John Col. M9L5. M9L8. M9V1. M9P3. M9L3

DISABILITY STUDIES

Edge Hill Uni Col. LL35. LM59

DRAMA/DRAMATIC ARTS

Barnsley Col. W303. W310. W311. W350
Bishop Grosseteste Col. W400. X2W4. X4W4
Brighton. W4W1
Brunel. W400. QW34. VW14. WW34. W4N4
Central Lancashire. Y400
Cheltenham & Gloucester. W4Y3. W4Q3. W4V8. W4W1. W4P4
Chichester Inst. WW49. QW39. WW39
Coventry. W450
De Montfort. W455
Edge Hill Uni Col. LW34. PW34. QW34
Glamorgan. W403
Kent. Y310
Lancaster. W150. E150
London Inst. E495
Manchester Metropolitan. Y420
Nene Col. W432. W4Q4*
North London. W430
Rose Bruford Col. W490. W350. W4W6. W470. W4W2
St Martin Col. WV41. WB49
Scarborough. W450. W4YF
Suffolk Uni Col. W430
Warrington Col. NW14
Worcester Col. *

ECONOMICS/ ECONOMIC POLICY/ ECONOMIC SCIENCE/ ECONOMIC STUDIES

Aberdeen. L100. *
Abertay. Dundee. L100. L110
Aberystwyth. L100. LN14. LN15
Anglia. LO13. *
Bangor. L100
Bournemouth. M345
Bradford. L100. LV11. LM11. LL13
Brighton. N350
Buckingham. L100. L112. L1M1. L1Q1. L1R1. L1R4. L1M3
Central England. L100. L112. L1M3. L1N1. L1N4. L1N5
Coventry. L112. L100. LR11. LR12. LM13. LK14. BD62. L160. L115
De Montfort. L100. GL91. LM11. LL17. LL13
Derby. L160
Dundee. *
East Anglia. L100. L1N4.
East European Studies School. L1T1
East London. L100. L118. *
Glamorgan. LM11
Goldsmiths. LM11
Greenwich. L114. LL17. L115. L1HH. L170. L1L7. L1L3
Heriot-Watt. LN13. G1N3. NN13
Hertfordshire. L1F6. *
Huddersfield. L100
Hull. LN11. L100. L112. L171. LN14. VL31
Kent. *
Kingston. L100. *
Leicester. L100. L102. L112. L113. L101.
Lincolnshire & Humberside. L100. *
Liverpool John Moores. LV11. LL18. LM11
London Guildhall. L100. Y400. L112. L160
Manchester Metropolitan. L101. L100. GLC1. FL11. GLM1. GL51. HLP1. FL91. LT12. LL15. LT19. HL71. GL11. L103. L102. L148. L149. LV13
Middlesex. L100E
Nene Col. L1V4*
North London. N124. LL13. LN15. LV11. LV17*
Northumbria. L100. L111
Paisley. L110. LN11. N280
Plymouth. L100. LN1C. L1ND
Reading. L100
Salford. L100. L112. L114. L101. LG15. LF18. LC19
South Bank. *
Southampton. L1N3. L100. L1NJ. L140. LV13. L112. NL41. LG11. LR11. LR12
Staffordshire. LT12. L100. LN14. L1N7. L101. LM19. FL91. *
Stirling. L100*. L108
Sussex. V300. L1T5. L1T2. L1M9. *
Thames Valley. *
Teesside. L100
Westminster. LN11
West of England. L100
Wolverhampton. L1N1. L100. X500
Worcester Col. *

EDUCATION/ EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

Aberystwyth. *
Anglia. X500. X700. XR71. XY71. G1X7. Q3X7. T2X7. W3X7. WCX
Bangor. VX19. GX19. VX89. LX49. QX59
Bath Col. QX39
Bishop Grosseteste. X500
Blackburn Col. X300. X400
Bretton Hall. *
Brighton. XG71. XF79. XQ63. XG61. XV68. XY61. XW62
Brunel. X7X8. X7XV. X7XW. X701. X500
Central England. X500
De Montfort. Y300
Durham. LX39
East London. XL95. CX19. NX19. PX39
Exeter. XC71. XF71. XF73. XF79. XG71
Goldsmiths. X7WF
Grantham Col. K468
Greenwich. X501. *
Hertfordshire. *
Huddersfield. X920
King Alfred's Uni Col. XJ39. XW72. X7W2
Kingston. XV21. XV61. XG29. XG69. XW23. XW63. XY21. XY61. *
Luton. X900
Manchester. T9X9. FX31. GX11
Manchester Metropolitan. X700. XN71. *
Middlesex. Y400. X500P
Nene Col. X9Q4
Newman Col. XQ73. XY71. XG65
North East Wales Inst. X503
North London. Y300. T201. CX19. FX19. LX49. LX79. LX39. XG71
Northumbria. X500. XG71. XR71*
Nottingham Trent. X508. XW72. X7N1. X7W2. X7Y1
Oxford Brookes. *
Reading. X5W2. X5C1. X5J9
Roehampton Inst. X4W1
Sheffield Hallam. X900
St Martin Uni Col. X6T9. X7Y1. X7G1
St Mary's Uni Col. CX1X. FX84. QX3X. VX1X. VX8X
Stirling. GXC7
Strathclyde. X920
Swansea Inst. X500
Trinity Col. Carmarthen. XG51. XX58
Trinity & All Saints Col. XJ7X. XJ79. XJ7Y. XJT9. XG71. XV78
Westminster Col. Oxford. XQ53. TR51. XG51. XV53. XF59
Wolverhampton. X700. X701. *
Worcester Col. *

ENGLISH/ENGLISH STUDIES

Aberdeen. Q300. *
Anglia. Q300. *
Bangor. Q300. Q3W4. Q310. QQ13. QV38. QR31. QR3C. QR32. LQ43. LQ33
Bath Col. QX39
Bishop Grosseteste Col. Q300
Blackburn. Q300
Bretton Hall. Q3W4. Q3P4
Brunel. Q300. Q3W5. QV31. QN37. QV38. QW33. QB36. Q3N4. Q3W1
Buckingham. QV43. Q300. Q3R1. Q3R4. Q1Q3
Buckinghamshire. QV37. QW23
Canterbury Christ Church Col. WQ13. FQ93. QG31. QV38. QY31. GQ43
Central England. Q300
Central Lancashire. Q300. Q306
Cheltenham & Gloucester Col. Q3Y3. Q3W2. Q3LV. Q3L3
Chichester Inst. QL38. QV31. QW33. QV38. *
Colchester Inst. QV31. QL33
De Montfort. Q310. Y300. Y301
Dundee. Q300. LQ83. GQ13. QV31. QV37. MQ13
Edge Hill Uni Col. LQ83
Essex. RQ13. RQ23. RQ83. RQ43. QQ23. QQ13. Q306. Q420
Glamorgan. LQ33. LQ73. Q301. QP34. QV31. QV37. QV38. QW31. QW34. QL83
Goldsmiths. QV31
Greenwich. Q300. QV31. QV37
Halton Col. *
Huddersfield. QV31. Q300. QP33
Kent. *
Kingston. VQ4H. QR31. QR32. RQ43
Lampeter. LQ63. Q306. *
Luton. *
Manchester Metropolitan. Y420. Q300
Middlesex. Y400.
Nene Col. Q202. Q3Q4*
Newman Col. CQ13. QV31. QX39. CW14. WX4X. LW74
Newport. QT32. QV31. GQ53. QV38. BQ63. Q300
North London. Q300. T201. Y300. *
Northumbria. QV31. QM39. Q300. QW35
Nottingham Trent. Q300
Plymouth. X3Q3. X6Q3
Ripon & York Col. QQ31. *
Roehampton Inst. *
Salford. Q300. Q310. Q301. Q3V1. QR31. QR32
Scarborough. Q3Y3
Sheffield Hallam. Q300
South Bank. *
Southampton Inst. QRH1. *
St Mark & St John Col. Q1G5. Q1Q3. Q1P3. Q1L3
St Martin Uni Col. Lancaster. Q300. X5QH
St Mary's Uni Col. Q300. QC31. QQ36. QF38. QV31. QL33. QB36. QV38
Stirling. Q300*
Sunderland. Q300
Sussex. Q3T5
Swansea Inst. Y300
Thames Valley. *.
Trinity Col. Q300. XQ53. QV31. QV38. QW34. QQ35
Teesside. Q300. *
Westhill Col. Q3W1
West of England. X3Q3. X4Q3
Westminster. QQ31. Q300. QT36. QR31. QR32. QR33. QR38. QR34. QTH6. T3QH
Westminster Col. Oxford. Q3L3. Q3V8. Q3T9. Q3M1
Worcester Col. Q300. XQ53*

ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT/ STUDIES

Derby. N123

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Aberdeen. N122. *
Staffordshire. N121

ESTATE AGENCY/ RESIDENTIAL AGENCY

Southampton. N810. N818

ESTATE MANAGEMENT

Anglia. N800. NM83
Bournemouth. D253
Central England. N800
Chester Col. N800
Greenwich. N800. N8G5. N8K2. N8KF
Harper Adams. DN28
Heriot-Watt. K2N8
Luton. N800
Napier. N800
North East Wales Inst. N800. N835. N831. N820. N810
Southampton. N810
South Bank. N800. N808.
West of England. K460

EUROPEAN STUDIES

Aberdeen. T200. N1T2. T201
Abertay. Dundee. M310. N140. L170
Aberystwyth. T200. LT32. *
Anglia. L403. L100. L112. L113. L174. N12. N1R2
Aston. FT12. GT52. JT92. LT42. NT12. CT12. MT12. T2R1
Bradford. T200. T202
Bradford & Ilkley Col. MN31
Central England. NK14
Coventry. T200. TR21. TR22. TR23. TR25. TR24
De Montfort. T200. R100. R200
Derby. N140. N100
Dundee. *
Durham. TR21. TR22. TR24. RT12. RT22. RT42
East European Studies School. T118. T190*
East London. T200. *
Edge Hill Uni Col. T204. QT32. LT82. TV21. MTY2
Essex. T9Y4
Goldsmiths. T200
Hertfordshire. L3T2. *
Hull. T200. T201
Keele. *
King's Col. RT22. CT19. C7T9. RT42. RTC2. T2G5. T240. T9X9
Leeds. MT12
Lincolnshire & Humberside. N145. N146
Liverpool Hope Uni Col. T200
Liverpool John Moores. T200. TV21. LT82. MTC2
London Guildhall. Y400
Luton. T210. T2WN
Manchester Metropolitan. GTC2. FT12. GTM2. GT52. LT12. LT82. TT29. LT32. FT32
Middlesex. Y400. H779B
Nene Col. N1R1. N1R2. N1R3. N1R4
Newport. TL98. GT52. TV21. TV28. NT12
North London. T200. T201. NT12. NT72. LT42. MT12. LT32. *
Northumbria. T200
Plymouth. T200
Reading. T200
Ripon & York Col. T200. T2R1. T2Q1
Salford. T2T9
South Bank. T200. T201
Southampton. M170. *
Staffordshire. *
Stirling. T201
Sussex. W4T2
Swansea Inst. Y300
Thames Valley. *
Westminster. N140
Wolverhampton. *

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Anglia. KM23
Greenwich. K240
Middlesex. K471U
North East Surrey Col. K240. K248
Nottingham Trent. K240
Westminster. K241. K249. KQ2H

FASHION/FASHION STUDIES

Bournemouth. 522W. 522WS*
Bretton Hall. W220. E220
Central Lancashire. EJ24. EJ2K
Cheltenham & Gloucester. W2Y3. W2Q3. W2N5. W2W1. W2N5
Croydon Col. E4N1
De Montfort. W221. W220
Derby. E221
Glasgow Caledonian. JN49
Huddersfield. W2N5
London Inst. WN21. J470
Manchester Metropolitan. JW42
Nene Col. W220
Northumbria. E220. E221
Nottingham Trent. JW42
Salford. W225
Southampton Inst. W225. W228

FINANCE/FINANCIAL STUDIES

Aberystwyth. N300
Bournemouth. M345
Buckingham. N300
Central England. N300. N3L1. N3M3. N3N5
Central Lancashire. N300
Cheltenham & Gloucester. W3ND. N301. N3N7. N3N5. N3N1. N302. NN73. N3R1
Dundee. N300
Glasgow Caledonian. N300
Greenwich. N310. N350
Kingston. L160
Lincolnshire & Humberside. *
London Guildhall. N301. Y400
Manchester Metropolitan. N300
Middlesex. N301H. N300E
Napier. N420. N3L1
Northumbria. N300
Regent's Col. *
Sheffield Hallam. N300. N350. M300
Southampton Inst. N300
Staffordshire. NN13. N300. *
Stirling. N400. MN34. GN54. LN14. NR4C. NR4F. GN14. NR4K. N310*

FINE ART

Blackburn Col. E150
Buckinghamshire. E100
Central Lancashire. E100
De Montfort. E101. W100. Y300. Y301
Derby. W100. E100
East London. E101
Hertfordshire. *
Northumbria. E100
Oxford Brookes. E100
Scarborough. W100. E100
Southampton. W100. W108
Sunderland. E100
Swansea Inst. W100

FLOORCOVERING DESIGN

Kidderminster Col. *

FLORISTRY

De Montfort. 036W

FRENCH/FRENCH CIVILISATION/FRENCH STUDIES

Aberdeen. R100. *
Aberystwyth. R100
Anglia. RR12. RR13. RR14. *
Bangor. R101. R112. RR12. RRC2. RR18. RRC8. TR21. TR2C
Bradford. R100. RR12. RR18. RR14
British Inst in Paris. R100
Canterbury Christ Church Col. LR31. PR71*
Chester Col. R100
Coventry. RR12. RR13. RC18. RR18. RR14
De Montfort. Y300. Y301
East European Studies School. RR18
East London. *
Essex. R1Q1
Goldsmiths. R100
Huddersfield. RP13
Hull. R100
Keele. *
Kent. *
King's Col. R102. R1G5. R1N1. RG11. RR12. RR14. RTC2. RR15. F3R1. R100
Kingston. R100. *
Lampeter. R101. QR81. QR31. *
Lancaster. R100. RR12. RR13. RR14
Leicester. RR12. RR13. RM11. R100
Lincolnshire & Humberside. NR61. GR51. NR51. JR91. GR51. JR91
Liverpool Hope Uni Col. RF18
Liverpool John Moores. RR12. RR13. RT14. RR14
London Guildhall. Y400
Manchester. RR18. RR1W
Manchester Metropolitan. RR1F. RR13. RR1K. RR18. RR1W
Middlesex. R110T
Nene Col. R1Q4*
North London. R100. NR51. Y300. *
Northumbria. R100. LR11. RR12. MR11. RR14
Oxford Brookes. *
Queen Mary Westfield. R100. RT1F. RR21. TT92. RR4C. TTX2. RQ11. RR18. TT9G. R1N1. GR51
Ripon & York Col. XR41
Roehampton Inst. R100*
Salford. RT16. RR12. RRC4. RR13. RR14
South Bank. *
Southampton. R101. *
Staffordshire. LR71. *
Stirling. R100*
Surrey. RL11. RT12. RR12. RM13. RR18
Sussex. RR18. *
Thames Valley. RRC2. RRC4. *
Westminster. QRH1. RR12. RR13. RR18. RR14. RQ11
Westminster Col. Oxford. R1L3. R1V8. R1T9. R1M1
West of England. RT12. RR12. RG15. RM13. RR14.
Wolverhampton. *

GARDEN DESIGN

Greenwich. D259

GENDER STUDIES

Bolton Inst. *

GEOGRAPHY/ GEOGRAPHICAL STUDIES/ GEOGRAPHICAL SCIENCE

Aberdeen. L800. *
Aberystwyth. L800. F800
Anglia. RR23. RR24. *
Bath Col. F800
Brighton. F800. FF83. FG84
Brunel. F800. L8F9. L8F6
Canterbury Christ Church Col. LL83. LP87. *
Cheltenham and Gloucester. L8QH. L8VC. L8LH. L8W1. L8MX
Chester Col. F8GM
Chichester Inst. L800. *
City. F800. F8X9. FG85. FG81
Coventry. F800. LG85. LL18. LR81. LR82. LR84. LM81
Cranfield. F840
De Montfort. L822
Derby. F800. F810. FF86
Dundee. L800. LV81. LV87. LM81. L8R1. L8R2. L8R4. F800
East London. 068F. KP32
Edge Hill Uni Col. L800. LL83. LQ83. LM89
Glamorgan. LL38. LL87. LQ83. LV81. LW81
Greenwich. L820. F800. F808. L800. FG8M. FG85
Halton Col. *
Hertfordshire. F800
Huddersfield. L800
Hull. F800. F840
King's Col. F800. L800. L8G5
Kingston. F800. L800. *
Lampeter. L8F8. LL68. *
Lincolnshire & Humberside. F800. F808
Liverpool John Moores. F800. LM81. KL48
Luton. *
Manchester. FF68
Manchester Metropolitan. L800. L801. Y420. *
Middlesex. L800. F800
Nene Col. F800. F8Q4*
Newport. LV81. GL58. LV88. BL68. L800
North London. Y301. *
Newman Col. FV81. LF78
North London. F900. NL18
Northumbria. L800. F800. FL98. L886
Oxford Brookes. F600
Plymouth. F800. X3L8. X6L8
Queen Mary Westfield. Y157. F800. F830
Reading. F820. L822. F840. LL18
Ripon & York Col. L8B6. L8F9. L8L3. L8N1. L8V1
Roehampton Inst. L800*
Royal Holloway. FF68. FG81
Salford. L800. F802. F803. F800. FF83. GF58. FC89
Scarborough. FD82. DH27
Sheffield Hallam. F800
South Bank. *
Staffordshire. RL28. RL48. FL18. FL98. LL78. *
St Mark & St John Col. N7LV
St Martin Uni Col. Lancaster. L800. X5Y4
St Mark & St John Col. L8M9. *
St Mary's Uni Col. F800. FQ88. FQ85
Strathclyde. KL48
Sunderland. L800
Sussex. *
Trinity Col. XL58
West of England. FV91. F910. X3L8. X4L8. FF89
Westminster. L800
Westminster Col. Oxford. L8L3. L8V8. L8T9. L8M1
Wolverhampton. *
Worcester Col. L800. *

GERMAN/GERMAN CIVILISATION/GERMAN STUDIES

Aberdeen. R200. *
Anglia. BR52. *
Aston. JRX2. GR12. FRC2. LR72
Aberystwyth. *
Bangor. R224. RW29. RV21. QR12
Bradford. R200. RR28. RR24
Chester Col. R200
Coventry. RR23. RC28. RR28. RR24
De Montfort. Y300. Y301
East European Studies School. RR28
East London. *
Essex. R2Q1
Goldsmiths. R200
Huddersfield. RP23
Hull. R200. RR23. RR24. RRF7
Keele. *
Kent. *
King's Col. RR12. RT22. RR28. RR24. R200. R2G5
Kingston. *
Lampeter. QR82. QR32. R200. *
Lancaster. RR23. RR24
Leicester. RR23. R200
Lincolnshire & Humberside. NR62. GR52. NR52. JR92
Liverpool. R200. RR12
Liverpool John Moores. RR23. RT24. RR24
London Guildhall. Y400
Manchester. RR28. RR2W
Manchester Met. RR1F. RR23. RR2L
Middlesex. R200
North London. FR12. Y300. *
Northumbria. LR12. MR12. RR24. RV21
Oxford Brookes. R200
Queen Mary Westfield Col. RT2F. TTXF. RQ21. RR2V. TTYG. R201. R2N1. GR52
Reading. RM21. RR21. QR12. MR12. LR32
Salford. RT26. RRF4. RR23. RR24
South Bank. *
Southampton. R200. *
Staffordshire. LR72. *
Stirling. R200*
Surrey. RL21. RT22. RM23. RR28
Sussex. R200. RR23. RQ21. RR28
Westminster. QRH2. RR23. RR28. RR24. RQ21
West of England. RT22. RG25. RM23. RR24
Wolverhampton. *

GOLF COURSE STUDIES/ MANAGEMENT/ GREEN KEEPING

Central Lancashire. 152D. D255. D254
De Montfort. 087N

GOVERNMENT

Glamorgan. M142. MV11. MV17
Northumbria. LM11. M142. LM31

HERITAGE STUDIES

Bishop Grosseteste Col. V100
Bournemouth. F940. FF49P. 004F*. F400. 239F
Plymouth. W250

HISTORY/ HISTORICAL STUDIES

Aberdeen. V100. *
Aberystwyth. V100
Anglia. V130
Bangor. V100. V1VQ. V1V6. W18. LV41. LV31. QV31. RV11. RVC1
Buckingham. VQ31. V130. V1R1. V1R4
Bolton Inst. V100
Bradford. V1R1. V1R2. V1R4. V1R8. V1T2
Brunel. NV11. V1G5. V1W5. V1N4. VW13. QV41. VW14. QV31. VN17. V1W1. VV18
Canterbury Christ Church Col. FV91. PV71. *
Central Lancashire. V100
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Random audit makes its bow

Self-assessment depends on trust. The Revenue must show it can deter backsliders, says **Mavis Sargent**

One of the least engaging aspects of the move to self-assessment for personal taxpayers and all unincorporated businesses is the arrival of the random audit.

The Inland Revenue announced, from this year, who would be subject to the possibility of a random audit — and, indeed, more than 6,000 candidates have been selected.

Self-assessment is a system that relies largely on trust. But the Inland Revenue needs to show that it has the capacity to take action to deter potential backsliders from completing inaccurate or blatantly false returns. Random audit means that *any individual may be chosen from the entire catalogue* of taxpayers for deeper investigation.

The climate for tax investigations has changed dramatically. Until now, the average taxpayer who submitted a tax return would have the return agreed without having to enter into any form of correspondence with the Inland Revenue.

By contrast, all taxpayers who complete a tax return are now liable to have their tax affairs investigated under the random audit *system. This — probably — will not mean a sudden knock* on the door but it could entail the return being challenged and a series of questions being posed, which could lead on to further investigation.

Self-assessment and random audits will be with us into the foreseeable future and each year a new set of taxpayers will be targeted for the process. In addition, all taxpayers will need to keep their underlying tax-related records for six years in order to satisfy the tax legislation requirements.

Once 12 months has expired from the filing deadline for the return, the time limit for starting an investigation will normally have lapsed. Normally this will be *January 31, 1999, for returns relating to the fiscal year ending April 5, 1997* — the filing deadline being January 31, 1998.

However, the Inland Revenue can pursue investigations well after that time where, in its judgment, there is negligence or fraud.

Furthermore, where its inspectors discover there is negligence or fraud in one year, they can go back through six years of returns, and even longer in some cases.

Hence it is absolutely vital that the *requirement to retain tax records for the six-year period is understood and adhered to by the taxpayer.*

One of the least likeable aspects of the random audit system is that the conventional targeted inquiry will continue and, in fact, will account for most of the investigations undertaken by the Inland Revenue. The ordinary taxpayer who is subject to an inquiry purely on the basis of the new procedure will not be told this by the Inland Revenue and *may worry that the Inland Revenue considers that there are mistakes in the return.*

It is, however, the case that the so-called random audit will not be truly random. The Inland Revenue will "skew" its selection towards those tax returns that it considers to be of greatest risk. This will have the effect of increasing the sample from the targeted inquiry segment, which are usually the smaller cash businesses and taxpayers who have overseas connections.

When the Inland Revenue selects a tax return for inquiry, it will wish to examine the underlying records and, wherever possible, to seek corroboration through third-party documentation. Where some or all of the underlying records for the tax return figures are kept by an agent, such as an accountant, the Inland Revenue will still, in the first instance, seek the business records directly from the taxpayer: only if it has no success will it go to the agent.

The taxpayer whose main income is from an employment, with just a few dividends and interest from savings, is not likely to suffer any great inconvenience from an inquiry. In fact, if such a return is selected for inquiry, the taxpayer may not ever know as the Inland Revenue may already have all the information it requires to undertake and complete the inquiry. Where the taxpayer is contacted it will perhaps be only to request a missing dividend voucher or interest statement.

Although the random audit is not an audit as an accountant would appreciate the term, *it has the power to be a technique that could unsettle* the taxpayer. The Inland Revenue would argue that only those individuals and companies with something to hide should fear the random audit.

Nevertheless, many innocent taxpayers may be disturbed by unnecessary and time-consuming inquiry, and the spectre of visits by Inland Revenue inspectors.

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Mavis Sargent says any individual could be investigated

OTHER BUSINESS

Timed to imperfection

WAITING for exam results is stressful enough. Receiving a letter headed "Congratulations" three days before the results are made public is even more startling. The mighty firm of KPMG and recruitment consultant Michel Page are currently wiping a large amount of egg off their faces. They bought mailing lists of four years' worth of accountancy exam finalists and prepared a letter from Richard Bennison, a partner in KPMG's financial sector group. This suggested that, having passed their finals, the newly qualified accountants should come and join "our dynamic, fast-moving, City environment". First, it is against the profession's rules to induce someone to break a training contract. "We have apologised to the institute," KPMG said this week. And secondly, the letter was sent a week early. "It was a timing error," KPMG said. The result was that nervous students waiting for the Saturday post received the letter about "your success in becoming a fully qualified chartered accountant" on the Wednesday before. Worse; being offered congratulations three days before you discover that, in fact, you have failed has upset a lot of people. "Some of you may be considering a move to one of the larger financial instutions based in the City," said the letter. Probably not KPMG.

Single-minded

NEXT WEEK the English ICA's guide to the single European currency, prepared by the Hundred Group of Finance Directors, is launched. As the section on retailing says: "In the UK it is safe to assume that the consumer will be reluctant, seeing little advantage and much confusion in the change." No wonder the institute is resolutely pricing the publication at £15. No hint of a Euro-price there.

Howells of delight

MERGERS among accountancy firms always produce results that no one expected. Currently eyebrows are raised at the sense of attempting to combine Casson Beckman with Baker Tilly and thus create the 12th-biggest firm in the land. Certainly Geraint Howells, one of the famed Casson Beckman music and entertainment industry specialists, has no doubts. He is off to join Kingston Smith. "I am delighted," he said.

ROBERT BRUCE

Fun and games in the arcane world of VAT

IT IS one of the oldest chestnuts in the tax world. When VAT was introduced in 1973, the then Chancellor of the Exchequer said that it would be the simplest tax ever. This year's edition of the VAT world's vade-mecum, *Tolley's VAT Cases*, weighs in at 1,052 pages. Growth in VAT advice and argument has easily outpaced the economy.

Tax can never be simple as long as the aspects of the economy from which it seeks to raise revenue are complex. A glance through *Tolley's* shows that not only is there an extraordinary range and complexity of business to be argued over but that every aspect of the economy has been sucked into it. And once Customs and Excise has to deal with such complexity it is inevitable that a decision in one area will create an anomaly in another.

Small wonder that John Brown, the famed VAT expert, in a contribution to the review of taxation of charities announced by the current Chancellor in the Budget, has this to say: "*It is time for a long night of pruning, resulting from this opportunity for review, to create a position within the VAT regime which charities can occupy fairly, and be relieved of the burden created by incoherency, inconsistency and administrative complexity.*"

Tolley's shows the possibilities for nonsense. We should never forget that even as far back as 1974 it took three legal appeals to come to the conclusion that for VAT purposes the Big Dipper at Blackpool was not a mode of transport but simply *fun, and therefore liable. This year's volume is no exception. There are cases involving wonderfully arcane food matters, for example.* The matter of "spherical wafers with hazelnut filling and coating" is reported exhaustively, as is the true nature of a drink called "Norfolk Punch". Even the dean and chapter of Bristol Cathedral become embroiled in one case.

But probably the book's greatest value to lay readers, as it were, is that the cases provide revealing views of ordinary business. There is, for example, the case of the plumber brothers and the Rolex watches. They spent £1,350 each on a Rolex and reclaimed the VAT. A dispute ensued. They claimed they had bought the watches for work — "for their reliability, durability and ability to withstand heat, vibration and humidity". The tribunal thought otherwise. It decided the "extravagant" watches had been bought "for their investment purposes and/or as status symbols". But even so it allowed 25 per cent of the VAT on the ground that the plumbers *did* need watches "to measure gas flows". Many a newspaper leader on the state of Britain today could be constructed from those facts.

The real problem though lies with discerning the intention of any particular area of VAT. With most other taxes it is relatively easy to understand what the tax-raising authority is getting at. Not so with VAT. One quirky decision or "clarification" suddenly catches other types of business for which it was never intended. And the more the Government attempts to block loopholes the more the anomalies and complexities.

This month's decision on drugs and medical supplies to hospitals is a case in point. The various hospitals involved had won *their* case, the House of Lords refused to allow Customs and Excise to appeal against the decision, so the Government announces that this was "unexpected" and that the resulting situation, "which was never *intended by Parliament*" will be reversed *through more legislation.*

By this time next year more cases will be wending their way through the courts in an effort to sort out the side-effects of the new legislation. In one case recently the result of a similar "clarification" by the Government meant that homes for the disabled suddenly fell foul of a VAT liability. It was certainly not the intention of the Government. But it was a direct consequence of its efforts to bolt a clarification onto an *existing area of legislation.*

It is no wonder that VAT advisers are in great demand and that few people properly understand the particular intentions of Customs and Excise. It is also no wonder that successive governments have complained about "leakage" of VAT revenues. If the intentions and details of the tax are largely incomprehensible to the 1.5 million registered traders who do Customs' job in calculating their liability to the tax, then there should be no surprise that there may be a degree of leakage. "It is," said Mr Brown, "a bit like leakage at the water companies. A lot of it is getting away before it reaches the Chancellor's sprinkler."

As Mr Brown also points out: "Charities represent the entire complexity of VAT." So the Chancellor's review should be used to rectify the wider problems with the tax. The only unfortunate effect of that might be that future years' editions of *Tolley's* may be much less fun.

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BASQUIAT
Fox Guild, 15, 1996
THE life of Jean-Michel Basquiat, the black graffiti artist of the 1980s, seems custom-built for Hollywood clichés about the romantic, self-destructive artist. But the director Julian Schnabel, a personal friend of the late artist, does not take the easy route. He lays out Basquiat's life like a row of bricks, and refuses to judge or explain. Stage actor Jeffrey Wright makes the painter appear charming, but bafflingly self-absorbed, while David Bowie does an amusing turn as Andy Warhol. Fascinating, although the film's potential is unfulfilled. Available to rent.

BOGUS BANDITS
Eureka, PG, 1933
BEHIND the unfamiliar title lies *Fra Diavolo*, Auber's comic opera of 1830, cleverly reworked by MGM as a burlesque vehicle for Laurel and Hardy. It's a curate's egg, but individual spoonfuls are delicious. Stan, in particular, has a ball: he gets drugged, drunk and makes charming games out of scratching his head and slapping his ears, knees and nose. Ringing baritone Dennis King takes care of most of the singing, while Thelma Todd is delightful as the plot's flirtatious young wife.

Jeffrey Wright (left) as Jean-Michel Basquiat and David Bowie (centre) as Andy Warhol in the almost excellent *Basquiat*

MICHAEL
Columbia TriStar, PG, 1997
JOHN TRAVOLTA tries our patience with this ragged and whimsical comedy about an unconventional angel endeavouring to bring joy and love to tabloid journalists in Iowa. Director Nora Ephron drags her feet and does nothing to bind the film's random scenes. Other players struggling to please include Andie MacDowell, William Hurt and Sparky the mongrel dog. A hit with cinemagoers, nonetheless, now available to rent.

TWIN TOWN
PolyGram 18, 1997
THE film that itches to do for Wales what *Shallow Grave* and *Trainspotting* did for Scotland. But Kevin Allen's rough, rude and cruel comedy drama about crime and revenge in Swansea lacks the flair and technical finesse to offset its many crudities. Rhys Ifans and Llyr Evans play local tearaways getting their own back after their dad falls off a ladder at work. Available to rent.

GEOFF BROWN

POP: Is Conner Reeves the star that British soul has been desperately seeking for so long?

Black-voiced blue-eyed boy

Male solo stars are in rather short supply these days, particularly in Britain. You only have to look less than hideous, be able to hold a tune and look moody at a piano to find yourself billed as the new George Michael ... which must be a source of some irritation for the man himself, seeing that he has not yet declared the situation vacant.

Who, though, has emerged in his wake to occupy that market niche between the boy band pin-ups and the Cliff Richards and Michael Balls of this world? Not Gary Barlow, thus far at least, nor Mark Morrison. For the time being, it remains the responsibility of an earlier contender, Seal, to carry the torch.

Not surprisingly, this is a situation which has been engaging the minds of record companies all over London, and the search has been on to find a new face, a new voice, to take the solo spotlight. Lewis Taylor, Jai, Kwesi ... if you have not yet heard of these and other hopefuls, you soon will have.

However, a 26-year-old Anglo-Irishman from southeast London is emerging as the best bet. Conner Reeves has all the ingredients. His voice is outstanding — soulful, rich and fluid. His delivery — heavily influenced by his personal heroes, Stevie Wonder and Donny Hathaway — is sure. And, happily, he is already a skilled and successful R&B songwriter: Tina Turner opens her current album with one of his co-compositions, while Anita Baker and Bonnie Raitt have each optioned others for forthcoming albums.

"I went to see Tina at Wembley when she last played there," he says, shaking his head in wonder. "She's this living legend; I'm this little bloke from Peckham. Seeing all those people going mad for her singing my song was like watching some miracle unfold."

The second of four sons born to an electrician and a helper at an infant school, Reeves grew up in a household dominated by his parents' love of soul and R&B. But although he was supported in his wish to learn the piano, there was no enthusiasm for his further teenage ambition to become a singer.

"It was so frustrating, wanting something passionately, but not knowing how to progress towards it," he says without rancour. "I couldn't sing in the house, so I got into the habit of going to the park. I'd get home from school, do my homework, eat dinner, then sneak out with my Walkman and the dog. Bad weather was best, because there would be no one else around and I could really let myself go, singing along to a tape by Donny Hathaway or George Benson."

By the age of 13, Reeves was writing songs, aiming to complete one per day — be it good, bad or indifferent — in order to learn his craft. By the time he left school, with three A levels, he was composing in earnest, and worked on building sites and as a waiter to finance the pursuit of what was by now his consuming interest. At 21, he was rewarded with a publishing deal with Rondor Music, which brought him into contact with a variety of other jobbing writers. "You might find yourself being teamed with five different strangers in a week, turning up at their house in the morning with the express aim of starting and finishing a song," he says. "And I never seemed to work with anyone my own age; they were all at least ten years older, sometimes significantly more. There was a lot for me to learn from those people."

Meanwhile, the strength of his own voice made it natural and inevitable that he should aim for a recording deal of his own. "But at the time, all anyone was looking for was boy bands. I was just 24 but already too old. They wanted 18-year-olds who they could tell to wear this, sit there, sing that ... Eventually, I went to New York, tired of all the closed doors."

There he met the writer-producer Arthur Baker, who has enjoyed success with Madonna and many others. "He helped me a lot, and was confident I could get a deal as a kind of male Mariah Carey — someone white who sounds black. I thought, 'Wow! Is that what I am?' But before any of his leads came to anything, I got offered a deal back at home as the first artist on a new label. It meant less money upfront, but more artistic control, and that's what I was really after."

He's written songs for soul heavyweights such as Tina Turner. Now Conner Reeves has a Top 20 single of his own, called *My Father's Son*

The resulting debut album, *Earthbound*, due for release in the autumn, suggests no budgetary controls. Producer Grant Mitchell has pulled in world-class players such as Pino Palladino, Manu Katche and Dominic Miller, the sort of session men more often found in the studio or touring the world with the likes of Sting.

More importantly, though, it presents Reeves as being gloriously accomplished both as a singer and songwriter: there are performances and material there to which his own heroes would be proud to put their own names.

The first taste of his talent has come with the release of a debut single, *My Father's Son*. A staple on commercial radio, it went into the charts at No 12. "Aaron Neville wanted to record it, Sir Cliff too," Reeves smiles. "But the time had come to hang on to my best songs; the ones that really give me goosebumps."

ALAN JACKSON

● My Father's Son *is released by Wildstar Records*

A bracing of Sheilas

Trudy Kerr
Anita Wardell
Pizza on the Park

THIS has all the makings of an Australian version of *The Commitments*: two aspiring singers meet briefly at the Sydney Opera House, only to be reunited years later in London, where they share a house, before embarking on a joint tour under the self-mocking banner of the "Jazz Sheilas". Has Alan Parker commissioned a script yet?

More than happy to send themselves up, Trudy Kerr and Anita Wardell even indulged in a warm-up duet on *Waltzing Matilda* — taken as a smouldering ballad — at the beginning of the evening. But look beyond the raucous, self-deprecating banter, and you discover a provocative contrast in vocal styles. Wardell is the effervescent bopper; Kerr, who knows her way around the Cole Porter and Jerome Kern songbooks, gives the material a contemporary edge with finger-snapping R&B. Her debut album, aptly entitled *Sweet Surprise*, is full of unexpected detours. I cannot think of any other jazz singer who could make as persuasive a case for the soft-focus romancings of Kenny Loggins. She also has an eye for songs deserving of a wider audience, such as Duncan Lamont's bitter-sweet ballad, *I Told You So*.

Kerr's constant darting across idioms, from jazz to gospel and blues, can occasionally be disconcerting, as if she were sometimes more interested in parading influences than baring her soul. But she has developed an immensely promising partnership with Phil Peskett, a resourceful pianist whose elegant trio arrangements allow her ample room for manoeuvre.

Wardell is a more agile performer than Kerr, but her voice perhaps lacks the light and shade to sustain a lengthy series of duets. More restrained than usual, she broke loose on *Twisted*, Annie Ross's famous tale of dysfunction set to music by the saxophonist Wardell Gray.

Wardell joined Kerr at the close to harmonise on a dashing encore of *Sometimes I'm Happy*. At which point the bass player Andy Hamill managed to insinuate the theme from *The Wombles*. It was, on the whole, that kind of evening.

CLIVE DAVIS

Shot in the backing

Percy Sledge
Jazz Café, NW1

THESE days, there are not that many opportunities to hear a voice such as that possessed by Percy Sledge. The Jazz Café in Camden Town, however, is one of the places that the original Atlantic soul-singer keeps coming back to: this was the first show in a six-night residency.

Sledge's band — a classic Stax line-up of Hammond organ, guitar, bass, drums, trombone and trumpet — took the stage first, then he descended the staircase, smiling that gap-toothed smile and telling everyone how good it was to be back in England. He got straight into a couple of the songs for which he is best known, *Cover Me* and *Take Time to Know Her*, but it was not until he sang the Temptations' *My Girl* that he really got into his stride, raising his arms aloft, trembling his knees and directing most of the words at his wife, who was sitting in the balcony.

However, it was at this point that the rhythm section began to look less like classic Stax players than musicians Sledge had met over the Bank Holiday weekend. The first flaws began to show during *Just out of Reach (Of My Two Empty Arms)*, a single from 1967 and one of his best-known songs. "We might come back to that later," said Sledge, pointedly but still politely.

But when the band showed that they were equally unfamiliar with the aching *Out Of Left Field*, Sledge could not contain his frustration and made the band stop and start it again. It was followed by an awful attempt at *Dark End of the Street*, which proved too much for the singer. He simply stopped it after a couple of lines and did not even try to do it again.

Sledge began to apologise, but an Irish voice from the bar cut him short: "Will you just give us a song, man?" This seemed to be the right thing to say, because Sledge replied with a stunning version of *Dock of the Bay* which showed that he possesses one of the few voices that is capable of singing that song the way Otis Redding would have done it.

He followed with *Whiter Shade of Pale* and closed with his big soul standard, *When a Man Loves a Woman*. There really was no need for Sledge to apologise for his band; most people had come here purely to hear the sound of his great voice.

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NEW MOVIES: A bunch of Sheffield steelworkers turned male strippers really are *The Full Monty*, says **Geoff Brown**

The feel-good factor gets its kit off

They may not look like much competition for the Chippendales, but (from left) Steve Hulson, Robert Carlyle, Paul Barber and Mark Addy run a serious risk of giving the stripping game a good name in *The Full Monty*

It might be thought bad public relations to call a British film The Full Monty, especially for audiences abroad. How many know the term's present cluster of meanings — going all the way, or stripping naked — let alone its origins in Field Marshal Montgomery, who regularly demanded a complete English breakfast wherever he found himself during the Second World War?

But there the title is, emblazoned in advertising featuring Mark Addy, a far from pin-up pedigree male, baring his all, except for a bag of chips. Twenty years ago the poster might have signalled a smutty comedy in the "Confessions" series, full of Robin Askwith, big-bosomed women and heavy puns. But British cinema has looked up. The comedy is now served with a touch of class, sprinklings of sentiment, and more than a hint of social comment.

For the film's strippers are unemployed steelworkers from Sheffield, a city first glimpsed in a gleaming promotional film of 1971, *City on the Move*. Now steel mills lie idle; workers are laid off, and spend the days mooching about with mates, or lounging at the jobcentre. Workers like Gaz (Robert Carlyle), who needs money to keep custody of his son, or his burly chum Dave (Addy).

A Sheffield appearance by the Chippendales gives them an idea: if audiences pay good money to see the Chippendale males strip, why not create a homegrown equivalent? One by one the group forms — friends, acquaintances, a veteran dancer of the funky chicken, a suicidal security guard — to be coached by their one-time foreman (Tom Wilkinson); a superior kind of man, an amateur ballroom dancer whose front garden sprouts garden gnomes.

If you stare closely at Peter Cattaneo's film, you can see the stretch marks on Simon Beaufoy's script as it tries to delay the inevitable climax, the strip show itself. You spot the bouts of physical farce, or the sudden rush of tender moments, as when Wilkinson climbs off his high horse and admits his weaknesses. But the film's breezy mood — and genuine belief in community spirit — make its contrivances seem of little account. The more headaches Carlyle and company have with each other, their wives and the local police, the more you itch for them to succeed and realise their human potential. Some supposedly feel-good films are so bent on their goal that they backfire and make you feel ill. *The Full Monty* does not.

New York's cabbies are famous for chewing your ear off with homespun philosophy. Mel Gibson takes the art to an extreme in **Conspiracy Theory**. Woolly hat perched on his head, hands yanking the steering wheel this way and that, he talks compulsively about "them", and the conspiracies that infiltrate our daily lives. Words tumble out in a rush, thoughts change direction.

And so does the film, a wearisome example of a factory product all dressed up but with nowhere definite to go. On paper, its star power blazes. Apart from Gibson, we get Julia Roberts, first glimpsed through her apartment shutters after a hard day at the Justice Department. When not driving his cab or bunkered down in a fortress of an apartment, Gibson pesters her with his conspiracy theories. She treats him like a harmless eccentric while nursing a conspiracy theory of her own about the murder of her father, a judge. The two players never work as a team: Gibson lays on the wacky charm, but with Roberts, star or no, you stare into a void.

The Full Monty
Odeon West End
15, 91 mins
Joyous British comedy

Conspiracy Theory
Warner West End
15, 140 mins
Hugely daft vehicle for Mel Gibson and Julia Roberts

The Slab Boys
Cinemas in Scotland only, 15, 97 mins
John Byrne directs unappealing film version of his own play

The director has his own fans. He is Richard Donner, practised dovetailer of action and humour in the three *Lethal Weapon* movies, which helped to lift Gibson up the Hollywood ladder. Donner tries for the same mix here, although the ingredients rarely gel. An early sequence when Gibson's babbler is hauled off to be tortured by Patrick Stewart's bureaucratic baddie frightens and amuses both at once. But, as the film lengthens and the plot begs for more of the audience's indulgence, the moods simply jar. Parody one moment. Slam-bang action the next. One more game of cat and mouse between Gibson and Stewart's CIA goons. One more glance at your watch.

By the end, you are appalled by the film's foolishness. Stewart, plaster on his nose following a clash with Gibson's teeth, gives a particularly routine performance. For Gibson and Roberts — Donner too — this farrago is of no immediate consequence: they remain the big industry players they were before. But the audience feels short-changed.

"Why does this film exist?" I thought as I fruitlessly tried to hack a path through the jungle of retro styling, 1950s pop, teenage pranks and thick Scottish accents that make up **The Slab Boys** (showing in Scottish cinemas only).

There are some possible answers. It exists because John Byrne's play exists, a roaring success at home and abroad since its debut in 1978. It exists because Byrne exists, and was amenable to adapting his work for the screen and adding film director to his burgeoning CV (painter, set and costume designer, playwright, novelist). It exists because lottery money, Channel 4 and the Glasgow Film Fund exist, and because a roistering comedy with 1950s trappings, a regional flavour and foot-tapping music would appear to be good box-office.

But these are not strong enough reasons to put audiences through the teenage adventures of Phil, Spanky and Hector in the dye-mixing room of a Paisley carpet factory. On stage, Byrne's colourful dialogue might well have galvanised actors and audiences; on film, delivered by an inexperienced cast with youth on their side but not much else, the script never reaches the requisite pitch of excitement.

Part of the trouble is the number of distractions Byrne the director flings in its way. The film's look is deliberately artificial: even exterior scenes were shot by Seamus McGarvey in the studio. Every scene was planned on storyboards, each image a riot of colour and exaggeration. There is nothing against this in theory. But Byrne rarely animates his fanciful pictures: watching the film is like peering at a canvas layered with paint upon paint by an artist who never knows when to stop. It is a dispiriting experience.

While audiences in Scotland strain to enjoy *The Slab Boys*, Londoners will be straining their eyes on the 3-D films rounded up for the National Film Theatre's season, *Face to Face* (from September 2). Some of the items are old friends in 3-D retrospectives, like Hitchcock's *Dial M for Murder* and Universal's fantasy thrillers, when the Creature from the Black Lagoon marched upon audiences, gills and claws shaking. Others will be less familiar. September 12 brings a round-up of British 3-D films presented at the 1951 Festival of Britain. And no connoisseur of the bizarre should miss *The Maze*, William Cameron Menzies's extraordinary story of the Scottish castle whose laird is a tortured, giant frog.

Cinema devotees should also not neglect *Gaumont: A Century (and more) of Cinema*, a season shared between the NFT and the Institut Français. The title misleads slightly, since most of the films featured date from the past 30 years. But some of Gaumont's old guard are represented: Emile Cohl's inventive animations, 90 years old, appear on Monday night, while Feuillade's serial *Fantômas* unfolds in its dream-like glory on September 7.

Conspiracy theorists Mel Gibson and Julia Roberts

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SNAP VERDICT

■ ***THE FULL MONTY***

Naomi Blyth, 19: Sensitive acting, brutal realism and a buoyant humour mark this out as a spectacular British hit.

Damian Samuels, 20: Robert Carlyle proves himself in this very funny movie. Some people may be disappointed by the lack of nudity.

Leslie Isaiah Thomas, 19: A warm and witty presentation of British life with excellent performances and a superb soundtrack.

Graham Geary, 20: Warm and funny portrayal.

■ ***CONSPIRACY THEORY***

Naomi: Engaging and, at times, quite moving, but never wholly convincing. Mel Gibson makes an heroic attempt at a very difficult part. The plot is a little over ambitious, but it's worth seeing.

Damian: Mel creates a wonderful and entertaining character, an amalgam of a heartwarming Travis Bickle and *Marathon Man*. Wholeheartedly recommended.

Leslie: An uncomfortable mix of comedy and drama. Gibson's performance is enthralling and, typically, a British actor, Patrick Stewart, plays the baddy.

Graham: Captivating, if a bit on the long side. Surprisingly, Julia Roberts is almost likeable.

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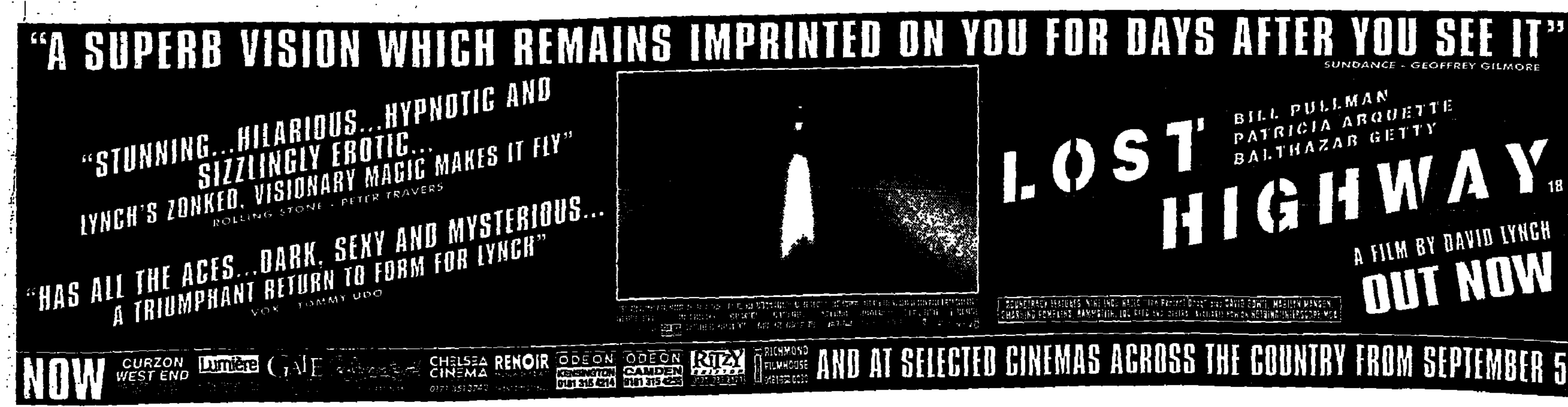

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

EDINBURGH

Netherlands Dance Theatre III presents *Tears of Laughter*, a programme of five separate works by its founder and choreographer **Jiří Kylián**: *Trompe L'oeil, Double You, If Only . . . , No Sleep Till Dawn of Day* and *Compass* (Playhouse, tonight-Sat, 7.30pm). In the Edinburgh Festival Theatre (tonight-Sat, 7pm) Peter Stein directs a *Salzburg Festival production of* Chekhov's **The Cherry Orchard**, performed in German with English surtitles. In the Usher Hall (tonight 7.30pm), Antonio Pappano conducts the Royal Scottish National Orchestra in a concert performance of Act III of **Die Walküre** (see interview, page 35). **Festival box office** (0131-473 2000).

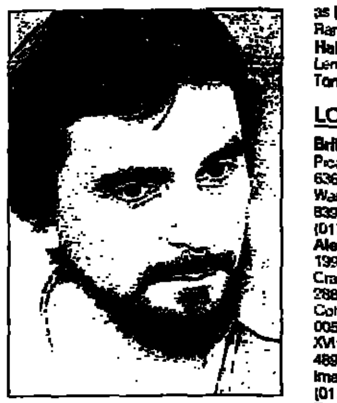
On the **Fringe**, Youth Theatre — Latvia presents **Swan Lake — The Ballet of Clowns**. *Based on music by* Tchaikovsky, this selection of amusing tales about the mysterious, magic art of dreaming is told through the mediums of ballet, pantomime, *opera and commedia dell arte* (Youth International at St Oswald's, Venue 128, until Sat, 5.30pm). At the Gilded Balloon II (Venue 36; until Sat, *3.45pm*), *Sol Survivor* presents **Word Play**, an exploration of African-American culture in search of self-respect and spiritual identity through drama, poetry and musical rhythms.

Shrewsbury School — Fringe First winner from 1995 — returns with a new musical based on H G Wells's **The Time Machine** (Southside, Venue 82, until Sat, 2pm). In the Cellar Bar (Venue 54, until Sat, 10.30pm), bassist Charlie Kinceley joins Gregor Clarke, trumpet, Paul Harrison, piano, Bill Kyle, drums, for an evening of **New York Jazz**. **Fringe box office** (0131-226 5138 tickets, 0131-226 5257 information).

LONDON

BBC PROMS In the first of two concerts this evening, at 7pm, the **Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra** under Sir Neville Marriner performs Wagner's popular Overture, *The Mastersingers of Nuremberg*, and Mendelssohn's *Scottish Symphony*. The concerto Schumann wrote for his wife Clara, is performed by the virtuoso pianist, Alfred Brendel. At 10pm, Bo Hollen *conducts the* **BBC Singers** *in* music by Schütz, Scheidt, Bach, Mendelssohn, Brahms and Schoenberg. **Albert Hall**, Kensington Gore, SW7 *(0171-589 8212)* ◪

STEPPING OUT Liz Robertson takes the lead in Richard Harris's musical *comedy about the lives, loves and* laughs of a weekly tap dance class, in a production directed by Julia McKenzie. Prior to the West End.



Jiří Kylián brings Dutch dance to Edinburgh

Churchill, High Street, Bromley (0181-460 6677). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Until September 6 ◪

ELSEWHERE

EXETER: Bathsheba Everdene embarks on a journey from innocence to experience in Hardy's Wessex saga, **Far From the Madding Crowd**. **Northcott**, Stocker Road (01392 493493). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm. Until September 20.

ST COLUMB: The **St Columb Festival of Chamber Music** features three concerts over the next three *evenings, performed by Harmoniemusik*, which is joined by the pianist Paul Gurney and soprano Alison Gough. The parish church of St Columb provides *the setting for a delightful programme* that includes Handel's solo motet, *Silete venti*, songs by Ravel and Schubert, concertos by Telemann and Vivaldi, as well as unfamiliar works such as Ludwig Thuille's Sextet and Gyorgy Ranki's *Pentaerophonia*.
Hall for Cornwall Box Office, 72 Lemon Street, Truro *(01872 262466)* Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Printmaking in Paris: Picasso and His Contemporaries (0171-636 1555) . **Chris Beetles**: Louis *Wain and the Summer Cat Show* (0171-839 7551) **ICA**: Assuming Positions (0171-930 3647) **Llewellyn Alexander**: Not the Royal Academy 1997 (0171-620 1322) **National**: Cranach: A Closer Look (0171-747 2885) **National Portrait**: Clifford Coffin: The Vanished Truth (0171-306 0055) **Rebecca Hossack**: Songlines XVI: Injalak, X-Ray Art Show (0171-436 4899) . **Royal Academy**: Hiroshige: Images of Mist, Rain, Moon and Snow (0171-439 7438) **Talisman Fine Art**: Four Painters of the Imagination (0171-794 4266) . **Tate**: Piet Mondrian: Nature to Abstraction (0171-887 8000)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
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■ ART Henry Goodman, Roger Allam and Stanley Townsend in this exceptionally interesting drama about friendship, unspoken resentment and an almost all-white painting.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Until October 4.

◪ *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST* Disney's film turned into a hit Broadway musical. Julie-Alanah Brighten and Alasdair Harvey as the leads, with *support from the likes of Derek Griffiths* and Norman Rossington.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-416 6060). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat *Sat, 2.30pm*

☐ EVE OF RETIREMENT Another blistering play by Thomas Bernhard, scourge of Austrian complacency and neo-Nazism. Here a former SS officer celebrates Himmler's birthday with a fond trip down memory lane. Directed by David Fielding, responsible for staging Bernhard's terrific *Elisabeth II* in 1992.
Gate, Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until September 6.

☐ THE HERBAL BED Peter Whelan's fascinating play. Kate Duchêne plays Shakespeare's daughter and Christopher Hunter her Puritan inquisitor.
Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

■ *HURLYBURLY* *David Rabe's* savagely funny play about Californian men behaving very badly indeed. Wilson Milam directs an excellent cast led by *Rupert Graves, Jenny Seagrove*, Andy Serkis and David Tennant.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5105). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm.

■ KING LEAR: Ian Holm magnificent, the performance of a lifetime. Richard Eyre's farewell production.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7pm, in rep.

■ KISS ME KATE The New Shakespeare Company brush up their *Shakespeare in Cole Porter's witty,* tune-packed musical. Ian Talbot directs Louise Gold, Issy van Randwyck and Andrew C. Wadsworth.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Tonight-Mon, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. In rep.

☐ MARLENE Siân Phillips gives an attractive performance as the singer with the golden sheath dress. On the whole, more successful than Pam Gems's play.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ THE MYSTERIOUS MR LOVE *New play by Karoline Leach, set in 1912* in a hotel at Weston-super-Mare, directed by Bob Tomson. Paul Nicholas plays a confidence *trickster* and Susan Penhaligon a lovelorn spinster.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

☐ PYGMALION Amusing, unshowy revival with Roy Marsden, Michael *Elphick and newcomer Carli Morris.*
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm.

◪ THE WINTER'S TALE David Freeman directs a modern dress production on the olde-style stage. *Nicholas Le Prevost plays the* mischievous Autolycus.
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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

ALBINO ALLIGATOR (18): Bungling robbers hide out in a bar. Kevin Spacey *directs Matt Dillon, Faye Dunaway and* Gary Sinise.
ABCs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 *6148)* ***Odeon Camden Town*** *(0181-*315 4255) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

◆ **EVENT HORIZON** (18): Hell is discovered in outer space. Grisly sci-fi adventure, with Laurence Fishburne and Sam Neill. Director, Paul Anderson.
Empire (0990-888 990) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031)

JUMP THE GUN (15): Boisterous but unfocussed portrait of post-apartheid Johannesburg. Les Blair directs.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (0181-315 4220) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Virgin Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

KEYS TO TULSA *(18)*: Crime thriller never comes to the boil. With Eric Stoltz, James Spader, Deborah Unger and Michael Rooker. Director, Leslie Greif.
Plaza *(0990-888 990)*

LOST HIGHWAY (18): Striking but insular David Lynch conundrum, with Bill Pullman and Patricia Arquette.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Gate Notting Hill** (0171-727 4043) **Odeons: Camden Town** (0181-315 4255) ***Kensington*** *(0181-315 4214)* **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 *0030)* ***Ritzy*** *(0171-737 2121)* **Screen on the Hill** (0171-435 3366)

PLEIN SOLEIL (PG): Lightly appealing thriller adapted from Patricia Highsmith, with Alain Delon, made in 1959. Director, René Clément.
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721) **Everyman** (0171-435 1525) **Screen on the Green** (0171-226 3520)

CURRENT

HEAT AND DUST *(15)*: *Morals and* manners of the British Raj, decorously examined by Merchant Ivory. With Julie Christie, Greta Scacchi, Shashi Kapoor.
Curzon Mayfair *(0171-369 1720)*

◆ **LADY AND THE TRAMP** (U): Disney's 1955 cartoon revived: bland, but with a faint canine charm.
Odeons: Kensington (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **UCI Whiteleys** (0990 888990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **MEN IN BLACK** (PG): Hip *blockbuster about aliens in Manhattan, with Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith.* Director, Barry Sonnenfeld.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Clapham Picture House** *(0171-498 3323)* ***Greenwich*** *(0181-235* 3005) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Camden Town** (0181-315 4255) **Kensington** (0181-315 *4214)* ***Leicester Square*** *(0181-315* 4215) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** *(0171-935 2772)* **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

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Odeon Mezzanine ◪ (0181-315 4215) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

◆ **SPEED 2: CRUISE CONTROL** *(PG)*: *Dawdling sequel set on a cruise* ship, with Sandra Bullock, Jason Patric and Willem Dafoe. Director, Jan De Bont.
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WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S ROMEO + JULIET (12): Effervescent contemporary treatment, with Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes as the star-crossed lovers. Director, Baz Luhrmann.
ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279) **Odeon Mezzanine** ◪ (0181-315 4215)

Benedict Nightingale reviews new productions in London and Salzburg

Sleaze in mythic places

At the climax of Beaumont and Fletcher's fascinating old thunderer the sleeping king's mistress ties his hands to his bedposts, wakes him, *informs him of his sins, then* stands over him and stabs him to death. At the Globe, Geral*dine Alexander and Nicholas* Le Prevost perform this with great thoroughness and as much realism as you would expect to find at the RSC and the National: and yet there were people in the audience who could not stop laughing as the knife went in. Why?

Perhaps it was merely that the play's occasionally preposterous and sometimes openly funny events — as when the king reacts to the unlooked-for bondage with an eager "What pretty new device is this?" — had fashioned the audience's mood. Or maybe the refreshingly anti-elitist feel of the Globe had freed them from reflex reverence for a Jacobean tragedy. Or perhaps it was that murder was happening, not beneath subtly mixed lights on a cut-off stage, but in a theatre where there is an extraordinary rapport between *the watchers and the* watched. There is nothing like laughter for distancing one *from bloody happenings*.

The Maid's Tragedy
Globe

Myself, I don't yet know the answer. We are all still primary-level *pupils as far as under*standing the Globe is concerned. What is certain, *though, is that Lucy Bailey's* production is a lesson well worth catching. Whether you laugh much or little, you will be impressed by the clarity and immediacy she manages to bring to Beaumont and Fletcher's tale of sleaze in mythic places. Not only does the king force an unwitting Amintor to reject his fiancée, *Aspatia, and marry his own* mistress, Evadne, but he also expects the poor fellow to *abstain from marital sex while* dispatching his wife to the royal bed on demand.

*As played by a wispy, flum*moxed Jonathan Slinger, Amintor has the vulnerability of the young and decent, and decides that honour (a word much used in the play) requires him to obey the king without question.

But no such qualms afflict Melantius, who is his friend and Evadne's brother and is *fiercely played by the increas*ingly excellent Mark Lewis Jones. He knows his duty, and *starts by impressing it on his* sister. Evadne, who has luxuriated in the king's favours and treated *her wretched hus*band with bland contempt, promptly turns into a breast-beating penitent ready to commit regicide to make moral *amends*.

That is a tough transition for any actress to make; and *though Alexander does all she* can to change from the cat who has eaten the cream into a lioness *avenging her pride*, she cannot stop you feeling that she is the victim of an *awkwardly* engineered plot rather than a plausibly developing person. But that is no great price to pay for an evening whose other pleasures include a wonderfully eccentric masque, with courtiers dressed as fish popping *through Night's enormous* cloak, and Patrick Godfrey as the father of Amintor's rejected fiancée. *Anyone with a taste* for quirky characterisation *should* relish this doddering *old* coward *whose bite is a* badly aimed nip and whose bark is a querulous bleat.

Murder in mind: Mark Lewis Jones (Melantius), Geraldine Alexander (Evadne) and Jonathan Slinger (Amintor)

Wintry fairyland weaves no magic

When Peter Brook directed a cut version of *Pelléas and Mélisande* in 1993, he mightily annoyed the purists by relocating Debussy and Maeterlinck's operatic fairyland in a room furnished with a fish-tank, a vase of hydrangeas, a few chairs, a couple of gas lamps and, instead of an orchestra, a single piano. But he did have the tact to rename the result *Impressions of Pelléas*, and he did invest the *domestic scene* with a *simple gravity* and quiet power which I, for one, found incongruously magical.

At *Salzburg, the American* auteur Robert Wilson presents us with every one of Debussy's rippling, dappled *chords plus the Philharmonia Or*chestra at its most delicate. Yet his ultra-detached approach makes *Brook's cool autumnal sepias* seem summery by comparison. Don't look for romantic towers, healing wells, dark forests, engulfing tresses of hair, castle vaults, or even symbolic wedding rings in this revival. The tale of Mélisande, the mysterious damsel married by Prince Golaud and innocently loved by Prince Pelléas, has been transposed to a *bleak* strand where nobody touches, people glide about in slow motion, and decor consists of black megaliths from *2001: A Space Odyssey* and a huge rectangular backcloth that changes from blue to white to apricot to violet.

*It adds up to a reminder, impres*sive yet chilling, that Wilson was an abstract painter before he moved into *dramatic production. There are mo*ments that astonish the eye, starting with the grey-gowned Golaud's (Victor Braun) first, stunned encounter with Mélisande (Dawn Upshaw), poised on the ground in a long light-*blue train that makes her look like* a desolate mermaid. The scene in which the same singer, transformed into a *black spectre*, bears diagonally down on Upshaw and Russell Braun's white-suited Pelléas is even more breathtaking. But the murder that ensues is no more than a mimed hint.

Pelléas and Mélisande
Salzburg Festival

Let's acknowledge that Debussy wanted to explore the strange, shad*owy areas below consciousness* and beyond words. Combine his music with a sci-fi dreamscape, and you *have gone some way towards doing* him justice. But need that mean acting which sometimes seems not so much *impassive as glazed*? Braun's Golaud admittedly exudes a grizzled melancholy, and everyone sings well. But when the music invites exhilaration or rapture, fury or desperation, the production does its best to quell it.

More robust enjoyment is to be found in the square facing Salzburg's great Baroque cathedral: archangels spilling down ropes from nearby buildings, medieval trumpeters, throngs of jubilant revellers at *banquet*. This is **Jedermann**, Hofmannsthal's version of our own 15th-century morality play, *Everyman*. It is a regular festival offering, but this year especially worth catching, for one of the great European actors, Gert Voss, performs the exemplary mortal summoned by a skull-faced Death to make his final journey with his spiritual luggage unassembled and unpacked.

Writing in 1911, Hofmannsthal embellished the original with lines *about* wealth, *market forces and* trickle-down theory that seem entertainingly apt today; and Voss is the *man to bring them to life. He* is a florid, coarse bourgeois who, faced with a black figure with a scythe or a gilded *Mammon* hovering triumphantly above him, looks as baffled as a bull who finds his usual china-shop *has* turned into a slaughterhouse. This is a subtle performance to find in a didactic drama in the great outdoors, and, by the end, a moving one.

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Riding with the Valkyries

Few conductors have risen as fast as Antonio Pappano. Tonight he tackles Wagner. **John Higgins** met him

CHRIS HARRI

Antonio Pappano, who conducts Act III of *Die Walküre* at the festival tonight: "There is no point in being an itinerant conductor subject to the whims of others"

Wagnerites at tonight's Usher Hall performance of *Walküre* Act III should be getting a taste of *Rings* to come. Although Bryn Terfel, the great British bass-baritone hope, has withdrawn from singing his first Wotan (to be replaced by the indefatigable John Tomlinson), Jane Eaglen, the Brünnhilde, is booked for the new *Ring* at the Metropolitan in New York in 2000. And the conductor Antonio Pappano is already beginning to prepare his own cycle, due to open round about the same time at the Monnaie in Brussels, where he is music director.

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Pappano is a stocky and ebullient man in his mid thirties, London-born but brought up mainly in America. He is known in Britain largely for a trio of outstanding opera recordings for EMI. They began with a *Bohème* starring Roberto Alagna, and went on with the star-filled *Don Carlos* from the Châtelet in Paris. Last spring came Puccini's *La rondine*, with Alagna and Angela Gheorghiu, which is very likely to feature in the Records of the Year lists.

All three have the Pappano trademark of extreme theatricality. Even in the impersonal atmosphere of the studio he believes in having a stage set in mind. "It is essential to bring a sense of the theatre into every opera recording. You do it by staring into the singers' eyes as though you were standing by their side in costume. You think about how it would look in the opera house. You can't conduct *Bohème* by opening the score and studying it. It's got to have its heart right there in the theatre."

Earlier this month Pappano was in Hampstead recording the next stage in his Puccini cycle for EMI, the *Trittico*. He is well aware that the same company has a classic set, with Gobbi and de los Angeles, in the archives. But then the same objection could have been raised about *Bohème*: the Beecham recording with Bjorling and de los Angeles may well still be first choice for many. Pappano is no believer in living in the past and has made a point of using the *Trittico* to introduce several young and, so far, little known singers.

Familiar names are there: José van Dam, the uncrowned king of Brussels and the Monnaie, has the title role in *Gianni Schicchi*, Alagna and Gheorghiu are the lovers in the same opera and supply a couple of off-stage voices in *Il tabarro*. But intermingled with them are a young Italian baritone, Carlo Guelfi, of whom there are very high hopes, as the bargee Michele in *Tabarro*; and Critina Gallardo-Domas as Suor Angelica. They have certainly not been sent along by the international division of central casting.

Pappano's next step along the Puccini line will be the early *Le villi* in a year's time. "Pure delight," he says. "Neapolitan songs from beginning to end." Then possibly comes *Edgar*: "One great baritone aria, but the rest of it doesn't really sound like Puccini at all. I'm still trying to talk myself into that one."

Both Pappano's London opera appearances were also in Puccini. There was a well-received *Butterfly* at the Coliseum, but he would prefer to forget the Covent Garden *Bohème*. "An absolute nightmare. Jerry Hadley, the tenor, fell sick after the first night and I must have had half a dozen different Rodolfos in as many performances. No, we won't talk about that." In any case he is fearful of being dubbed a Puccini conductor.

"When they hear the name 'Pappano' the immediate reaction is 'Hm, that sounds right for Puccini'. One reason why I have extended my contract at the Monnaie to 2003 is so that I can have total command over my repertoire. I learnt long ago that there was no point in being an itinerant conductor subject to the whims of others. Control your own life. Conduct as many masterpieces as possible and there is a chance that their quality will rub off on you."

In fact Pappano's basic operatic grounding came in Bayreuth under Barenboim. "My father was a singing teacher and I spent my youth accompanying his pupils on the piano. I played the organ in the local church and piano at supper clubs where we lived on the East Coast. Eventually I got to the New York City Opera as a repetiteur and in 1986 accompanied Deborah Polaski when she auditioned for Barenboim. He ended by engaging both of us for Bayreuth and there I stayed for six seasons. I had little formal academic training and most of my music was learnt on the ground as a working pianist. I suppose that has given me an understanding of singers and their problems. I certainly have admiration for the courage that it takes to go out there and perform."

Pappano's loyalty to Barenboim paid off. In 1993 he was called in at the last minute to replace an ailing Christoph von Dohnányi for a new production of *Siegfried* at the Vienna State Opera. The dress rehearsal was "hairy" but the opening night ended in triumph. It was Barenboim, too, who recommended Pappano to EMI when Georges Prêtre pulled out of *Bohème*. So started the Puccini cycle. Pappano returns to Bayreuth in 1999, this time not as a repetiteur but as conductor of *Lohengrin*.

● *Die Walküre is at the Usher Hall (0131-473 2000) tonight at 7.30pm*

Youth makes its mark

EUYO/Haitink

Usher Hall

Bernard Haitink and the European Union Youth Orchestra drew a good audience to the Usher Hall for their early evening programme of Mahler and Shostakovich. If the Rückert *Lieder* suffered a little — and the uncertain intonation and insufficient colouring of the mezzo soloist Catherine Wyn-Rogers certainly did not flatter them — it was in a good cause. The Mahler sound echoing in the memory after the interval mingled with the Mahler echoes in Shostakovich to bring out a rarely appreciated aspect of the latter's Fourth Symphony.

Haitink did nothing to romanticise the Shostakovich score. Far from it: he secured consistently hard-edged textures from his young musicians, who played for him with extraordinary firmness and confidence and scarcely failing clarity. But, alongside the familiar expressions of disillusion, irony and harsh reality, there was on this occasion an element of loneliness that added a whole new dimension.

The Edinburgh Festival's celebrations of its illustrious past have been more than an indulgence in nostalgia. In the Usher Hall later that night, indeed, it seemed to be punishing itself for having promoted three events which many long-term regulars would probably rather forget — the first performances of Luigi Nono's *Sul Ponte di Hiroshima* in 1962 and his *Intolleranza Suite* in 1969 and, though the score was already 16 years old by then, Sir Georg Solti's 1971 endorsement of Elliott Carter's masterly *Variations for Orchestra* with the Chicago Symphony.

Certainly, there was no great demand from the present-day audience to hear **Emilio Pomarico** and the **BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra** reintroduce those works. But in the past they were not segregated in late-night modern-music events, but performed alongside music by Mozart and Brahms in mid-evening concerts. One political protest by Nono is enough for one concert, and Carter's *Variations* is so complicated that it needs to be heard when the ear is fresh.

A more realistic programme and a fiftieth-birthday commission might have been both a better investment and a more rewarding exercise for the accomplished BBC SSO/Pomarico partnership.

GERALD LARNER

Bubbles across the pond

BBC PROMS

BBCSO/Knussen

Albert Hall/Radio 3

A NEAT bit of programming in Tuesday night's Prom, given by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Oliver Knussen, offered a premiere each from major British and American composers (Mark-Anthony Turnage and Elliott Carter), together with folksong settings from both sides of the Atlantic that usefully set the cultural scene.

Though rapidly approaching 90, Carter has lost none of his legendary physical or creative energy. With *Allegro scorrevole* receiving its European premiere, he completes the triptych *Symphonia*, of which the first part was the *Partita* and the second the *Adagio Tenebroso* (heard two Proms seasons ago). In fact, the notion of longevity stands behind the new work, in as much as it was inspired by the metaphysical image of a floating bubble representing the fragility of life.

The bubble is depicted by gossamer textures and a buoyant, bouncing line which, though angular in the extreme, achieves an impressive continuity as it passes from one instrument to another. That angularity severely tested the ensemble of the BBC strings in particular, but one had to admire the sang-froid with which Knussen and the players steered their way through some enormously complex textures.

Carter's more extrovert but scarcely less intricate *Holiday Overture* of 1944 started the programme, and it ended with an animated performance of the cowboy ballet *Billy the Kid* by Aaron Copland. The strains of the Wild West were not far from a group of folksong settings by Copland, Ruth Crawford and her teacher-husband Charles Seeger, and it was fascinating to hear those faraway yet familiar echoes in close juxtaposition with the folk elements, treated with characteristic lack of sentimentality, in Britten's *Suite on English Folk Tunes, A Time There Was . . .*

The music of Turnage, the contemporary British composer represented, springs not out of the folk or pastoral tradition, but out of something more aggressively urban. *Dispelling the Fears* (London premiere) depicts a spiritual journey from darkness to light, and its dissonant tensions are ultimately resolved in a coda of great beauty. The work is scored unusually for two trumpets and orchestra, and the spirited dialogue for the soloists is taken up by other pairs of instruments. The non-competitive partnership of Håkan Hardenberger and John Wallace, for whom it was written, could scarcely have been bettered.

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The first movement, for example, features a remarkable — indeed unparalleled — transformation of the second subject in a slower tempo (Newbould aptly scores it for three solemn trombones and bassoon), while the Scherzo (which may or may not have doubled as a finale) both ambitiously expands the form and bears the fruit of Schubert's late studies in counterpoint.

This disc, which also contains Newbould's realisations of other symphonic fragments, is fascinating as a practical demonstration of musicological detective work. The performances, too, are exemplary, with Charles Mackerras drawing sprightly, rhythmically taut but lyrical playing from the Scottish Chamber Orchestra.

RECITAL

Hilary Finch

■ **SCHUMANN**
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ONE would expect no ordinary *Dichterliebe* from Thomas Hampson; but this is something else. When the American baritone was preparing to perform Schumann's great song cycle, he went in search of the manuscript and found, by chance, the original version: 20 songs instead of 16, with numerous textual differences. This world premiere recording of the "other" *Dichterliebe* offers thrilling insight into Schumann's changing responses to Heine's poetry.

The full detective file is on show in the accompanying booklet but, in brief, the four extra songs are those often thought to be late works of Schumann: *Dein Angesicht, Lehn' deine Wang, Es leuchtet meine Liebe*, and *Mein Wagen rollet langsam*. To hear this last spooky and unsettling song precede the desolate *Ich hab'im Traum geweinet* is to probe deeper and more disturbingly into the shadowy dreamworld of both Heine's and Schumann's vision.

In the familiar *Dichterliebe* songs, the less familiar verbal underlay and articulation frequently bring the settings nearer to speech than song: they sigh less, but bite and bruise more. Hampson and his pianist Wolfgang Sawallisch reflect this in searingly committed performances, complemented by Schumann's early Op 24 *Liederkreis* and Heine's fiercely ironic *Der arme Peter* triptych.

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A USEFUL compilation, presumably aimed at operatic tyros, surveying the world's tenors from C (Caruso) to A (Alagna) and their repertoire. It comes from EMI's French arm and displays a distinct Gallic bias. The first 13 items are all from works written in that language, even though some were by Italian composers. One or two of France's own tenors come over as underrated: Alain Vanzo is honey-sweet in Nadir's aria from *The Pearl Fishers*. Others are scarcely worth inclusion — Raoul Jobin gobbles his way through the *Legend of Kleinsach* from *Hoffmann*. Americans such as Richard Leech and John Aler have adapted themselves remarkably well to the French style, but Rockwell Blake's contribution scarcely deserves a place in the Top 40.

The German section, also 13 items, is especially well selected, with stylists like Simoneau and Wunderlich rubbing shoulders with the robust tones of Melchior and Schock. A place is found, quite rightly, for the almost forgotten Josef Schmidt.

Patriots will note that Tauber, who ended up with UK nationality, is the nearest approach to a British tenor. But then no Russians are included either.

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Erica Wagner sails through a captivating tale of spies at sea

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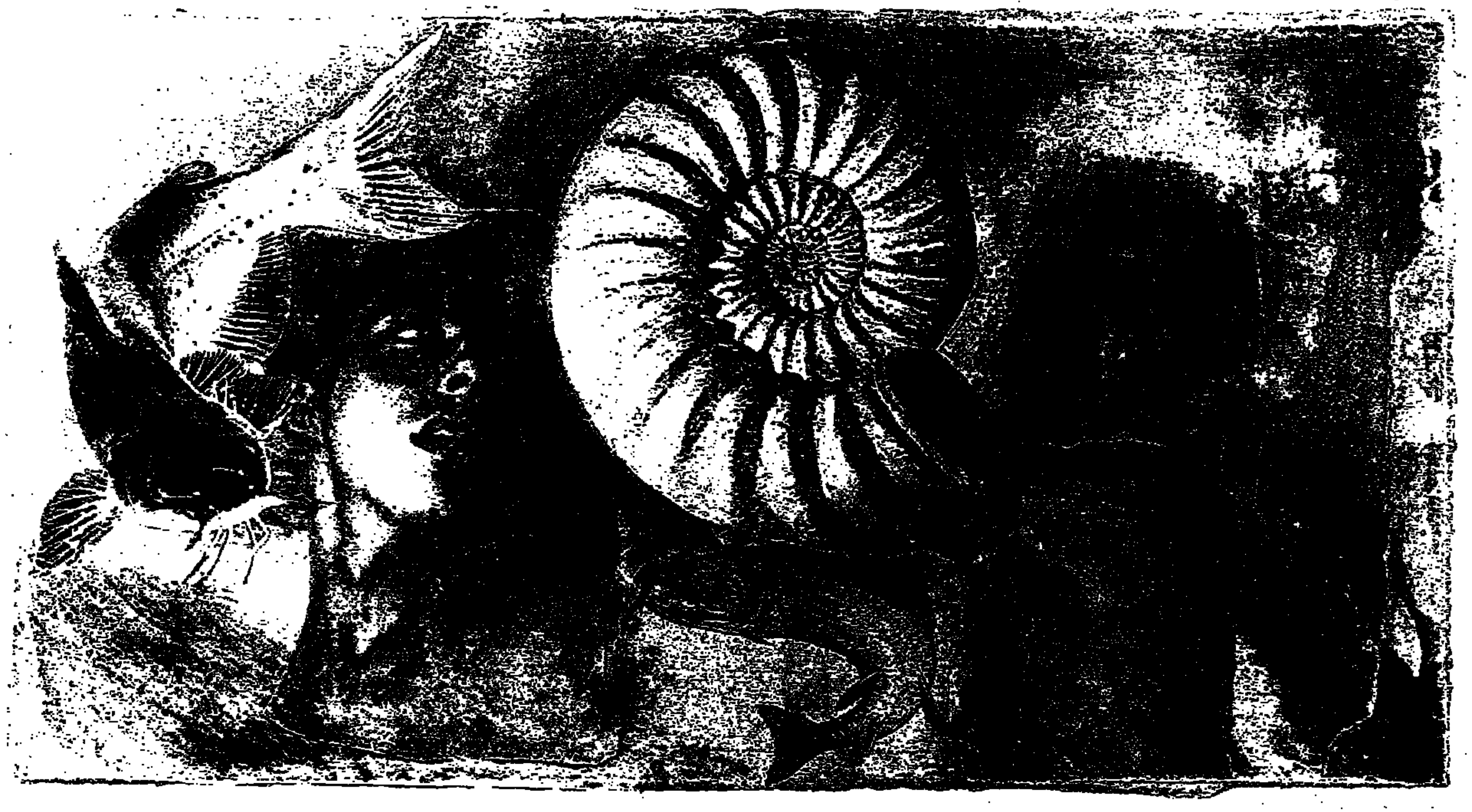

So what is it with authors called Paul? Woe betide you, hapless writer, should your parents chanced to have given you this name: for you will be almost certain — or so it is beginning to seem — to create a character who shares your appellation. P. Auster springs to mind as one particularly fond of this trick: P. Theroux, in fictionalising his life to the intense distress of his nearest and dearest, has followed suit. Now P. Watkins joins the self-referential ranks when the spying, seafaring Paul-protagonist of *The Story of My Disappearance* abandons his given surname, Wedekind, along with his German citizenship, and chooses one that Rhode Island tongues find less twisting: Watkins. Wouldn't you know.

But then it is hardly surprising that Wedekind/Watkins should be struggling with his identity. He is a Stasi man, sent to America by his East German masters just before the fall of the Berlin Wall. He is a mechanic, but his cover makes him into a fisherman: he and the beautiful, mysterious Suleika make their living trawling off the coast of New England — and just occasionally picking up passengers from a Russian sub or two. His American odyssey is possible because according to the official record Wedekind died in Afghanistan. He can be anyone he wants. He is no one.

That he is not Paul Watkins, novelist, at least becomes clear midway through the novel when he finds himself reading "a book about a boy who used to work the Newport docks". That would be *Calm at Sunset, Calm at Dawn*, Watkins's second novel and first venture into the treacherous waters of America's eastern shoals. But don't let all this cleverness fool you into thinking that you've got some tedious Post-Modern exploration of the nature of identity on your hands. What you have is a rattling good yarn elegantly told — with a fine examination of the nature of identity, and the meaning of loyalty, thrown in.

The novel begins, as his last novel, *Archangel*, did, with a shattering image of violence: Paul and Suleika, minding their own business in the local bar, see a man drive an iron spike through another man's skull. Watkins knows, and has clearly proved in his earlier books, the first rule of novel-writing: get the reader's attention. It works. Surely you would not be quite human if you did not wonder who these men were, why one killed the other, why Paul feels his blood run cold when he catches sight of the killer's face.

For much of the rest of the novel Watkins pushes us back into the past, forging the links between Wedekind's life as he lives it now and the history that infects it — particularly his time in Afghanistan and his friendship with a college pal turned slippery black-marketeer, Ingo Budde. To reveal much more would be to reveal too much: part of the pleasure of this novel, and it is a great pleasure, is its story — with its sombre black and silver cover, all Faber & Faber understatement, you might not mark out this object as a thriller, but that it certainly is. Watkins, however, never sacrifices his writing to serve his plot: the language is stretched drum-tight, capturing with efficient precision the fish and diesel smell of a New England seaport, or the altogether grimmer and more terrifying odour of a prison camp, of men in the presence of pain and death.

The beauty is in the detail: he seems to be able to observe every passing moment with the clarity of a strobe light: the oyster shells scattered on the floor in the wake of the stabbing, the bar-owner standing frozen, a roll of receipt-tape unspooling from his hands. Caught in a storm Paul sees "the lightning flash so furiously that it actually turned the air over the island green, like bright sunlight through a summer leaf". He photographs the moment, again and again and again. That such detail is unable to pin down an exact image of Paul or Suleika or Ingo is not a weakness in the writing but a strength: these are characters who become themselves only as they seem to vanish.

It is tempting to search for weakness in Paul Watkins's work. Still in his early thirties, his six novels have ranged across time and distance, from wartime Germany to the Black-and-Tan feuds of Ireland in the Twenties, from the woods of Maine to the skies of Africa — and now he has returned to the New England coast. He is no longer precocious but formidably skilled, and it is only occasionally that his writing shows the joins. In some of the earlier parts of this novel the echo of the research that clearly went into it sounds rather loudly, and I was not quite convinced by Wedekind's smooth transition to American citizenship.

But these are minor points. I devoured this book not once but twice, and enjoyed it just as much when I knew what was coming. P. Watkins can call his characters whatever he pleases. He tells a fine tale indeed.

THE STORY OF MY DISAPPEARANCE
By Paul Watkins
Faber, £14.99
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Home on the jolly range

Good novels about history, as opposed to historical novels, can sometimes feel as contemporaneous as fictions set in the present time when they go some way to explaining how we live now. *The Englishman's Boy* works at this level. Its parallel narratives — one a tale of the American Frontier and the other of Hollywood — demonstrate how the former is reconceived by the latter.

The eponymous Englishman's boy arrives in the West at the end of the last century. A teenager, he embarks on a quest with a posse of wolf hunters, tracking some Assiniboine Indians who have stolen their horses. From Missouri they cross the border into Canada and a law-free zone that attracts the violent to its epicentre, where their actions will not be held to account. The leader of the posse is Tom Hardwick, a man devoid of sentiment, an all-exterior life-form. "He scratched a match with a thumbnail and his face sprang out at them, bright in the dim surround, like a golden countenance in an old painting." The Englishman's boy's education is in setting his basic humanity against Hardwick's ruthlessness, a rites of passage in the manner of Cormac McCarthy's *All The Pretty Horses*.

The writing throughout the historical chapters is wonderfully exact, swollen with striking images. A pair of "Christian's shoes" on an Indian girl is described as "biting her feet like a dog". And Vanderhaeghe's use of western nomenclature: "mumblety-peg", "crib-girls", "croppies", "Henry's sharps" adds authenticity. A wide range of characters are delineated by an equally wide range of speech patterns.

My only quibble with this hugely entertaining novel is the over-use of research material in the Hollywood chapters, as if Vanderhaeghe, like scriptwriter Harry Vincent, has been paid by the word. This dual narrative is set in the 1920s in the closing days of the silent film. Harry is employed by Damon Ira Chance, a fascistic and racist studio boss, to track down Shorty McAdoo — the Englishman's boy grown old and emblematic of the Frontier spirit. Chance wants to make a Great American movie about Shorty, which like D. W. Griffith's *The Birth of a Nation* will reflect America itself. If the American destiny is one of forward momentum, then "What the American spirit required was an art form of forward momentum" — the motion picture.

Shorty is not only the genuine article, but one of the last surviving caretakers of oral history. Harry's job is to tease that history out of him. Shorty is no fool and suspicious of Harry's motives. But even he has a price and sells his story for $4,000. As readers, we get access to the uncensored 19th-century tale, but Chance wants to peddle the Zane Gray version of the West, a story of Aryan supremacy, and manages to make a hero of the violent and evil Tom Hardwick. The book thus culminates in a double disaster, one prefiguring the other.

Harry Vincent is the antithesis to Tom Hardwick; sentimental (he maintains his sick mother in an expensive sanatorium; while the cowboys don't seem to have mothers) and naive. But what makes Harry so naive is unclear. Chance's machiavellian political ambition is obvious to everyone but him. However, in this world at least, people get their just deserts. Chance falls on his own sword. The Assiniboine Indians maintain their euphoria. And through them we glimpse a superior civilisation to the one Hardwick belonged to and Shorty survived with integrity, and which Chance tries to make-over with lies.

Russell Celyn Jones

THE ENGLISHMAN'S BOY
By Guy Vanderhaeghe
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The Eta Carinae nebula as seen by the Hubble space telescope

In the beginning was the atom

Two books take Martin Rees on a journey through time and space

"The most incomprehensible thing about the Universe is that it is comprehensible." Einstein's well-known aphorism expressed his amazement that the laws of physics, which our minds are somehow attuned to understand, apply not just here on Earth, but in the remotest galaxy. Just as biologists can delineate how human beings emerged on Earth, so astronomers are setting our solar system in a cosmic context, tracing the causal chain right back to the initial instants of an explosive "big bang".

Cosmic discoveries attract media attention — sometimes, indeed, excessive hype. Timothy Ferris, formerly a professor of journalism, is deservedly acclaimed in the United States for his eloquent and discerning writings on science. His latest book, *The Whole Shebang*, offers a lively romp through all the newsworthy themes — black holes, time travel, supernovae, quarks, life in space, and so forth. His status as a commentator, rather than an engaged participant in the research enterprise, leads to a balanced perspective. He has a sure touch in discriminating strongly based claims from those on the speculative fringe: he focuses on the key ideas, avoiding technical details that none but specialists need bother about.

Ferris does not shy away from the spooky paradoxes of quantum theory and the arcane concepts of "superstrings" in ten-dimensional space — indeed, his expositions of these challenging topics are outstanding. He enlivens the story with astutely observed vignettes of the leading scientists, and commentaries on the sociological dimension of research.

Cosmologists used to be free to weave theories almost unencumbered by any facts. But technical advances in observation and experiment have transformed cosmology from speculation to serious science. Telescopes can detect objects so remote that their light took ten billion years journeying towards us, giving "snapshots" of galaxies that were newly forming from the debris of the "big bang". Other delicate measurements reveal relics of still earlier eras when everything was squeezed hotter and denser than the centre of a star. Inferences about the first few seconds after the "big bang" are as firmly based as the deductions of geologists and fossil-hunters about the early history of our Earth. But, as Ferris explains, the most basic questions still flummox us. Why is our Universe expanding? How, from its dense beginnings, did it heave itself up to such a vast size?

The only compelling answer to this question comes from Alan Guth, a young American theorist, who offers his personal perspective on cosmology in *The Inflationary Universe*. Guth did not start out as a cosmologist: his prime interest was in how subatomic particles might behave if the temperatures were colossally high. But he realised that the dense early Universe was perhaps the hottest place of all. Guth recalls his "eureka moment". One day in 1979 he went to his office, inscribed in his notebook, in very large letters, the words "spectacular realisation", and recorded his remarkable insight: an entire universe could "inflate" from something far smaller than an atom.

Guth recounts how his proposal was received: initial scepticism was replaced by enthusiasm when it had fully sunk in. He delves deeper into technicalities than Ferris does to explain how he and an international group of colleagues gradually ironed out some snags in the theory; parts of his book are tough going for readers unversed in physics. He gives the flavour of life as a young researcher in the boisterous and competitive atmosphere of American academia. He also conveys how science can be an intensely social and interactive activity, and the erratic and fitful way in which new ideas clarify.

Guth's idea is not yet as "battle-tested" as the story that cosmologists tell about the later evolution of our Universe. But it remains the only credible explanation for the most crucial brute fact about our Universe — its expansion and its scale. Moreover, it is an idea with fascinating implications: for instance, it suggests a very much grander cosmic perspective where the "big bang" that led to our Universe is just one of many.

"The fox knows many things, but the hedgehog knows one big thing." If Guth is right, he will indeed have taught us something big.

Sir Martin Rees is the Astronomer Royal. His book Before the Beginning *was published by Simon & Schuster earlier this year.*

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Gone on an awfully big adventure

Scott Bradfield

DESIGN FOR DYING
By Timothy Leary With R. U. Sirius
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Timothy Leary was a sort of New Age Thoreau. He hated authority in any form. He regularly exhorted students to think for themselves (to "tune in, turn on and drop out"). And he believed human beings had an obligation to transcend the meagre dimensions of their minds and merge with the Cosmic Oneness, whether by dropping LSD, migrating across the Universe in gigantic spacecraft or performing cyber-sex on the Internet. Quite unlike Thoreau, however, Leary wasn't the sort of man who could rest content with a tiny cabin in the woods and a few bags of beans. Instead, he lived his life (and died his death) in front of as many spectators as possible.

Leary greeted the diagnosis of his terminal prostate cancer as a means of "total liberation", and immediately established the "mother of all parties" in his living room — both real and virtual.

Originally he planned to escape to the future by having a high-profile cryonics company chop off his head and freeze it in a vault. Then, when he decided he didn't want to "wake up in 50 years surrounded by humourless men with clipboards", he decided to try out one of his more conservative alternatives instead. This meant having himself cremated and his ashes launched into outer space.

According to Leary, organising your "designer death" does not mean buying your casket from John Lewis. It means opting out of the "death factories" known as hospitals, and making your own choices about how, when and where you want to go. You can download your personality onto your computer's hard-drive or prepare for death the same way you would for a psychedelic journey. "I can't wait for the moment when I'll have the experience of being in my brain without my body being around," writes Leary. It's hard to believe that he never enjoyed this particular experience before.

In his writings, at least, Leary was an eternal optimist, which is why even from the grave his voice continues to sound refreshing and offbeat. In this dense and final reflection, he discourses freely on the various ways our minds will be liberated from our bodies in the imminent age of "postbiology", extolls the trans-galactic virtues of DNA, and enthuses on the bizarre possibilities of nanotechnology — the science of creating sub-microscopic, self-replicating robots which will redesign the infrastructure of our bodies until we all resemble the insides of a PC.

As the notorious hacker R. U. Sirius suggests in his moving Afterword, Leary was a man who embraced large impersonal forces, perhaps because he never felt comfortable with who he was in the first place. He alienated most of the people who loved him, losing both a wife and a daughter to suicide, and spent his entire life looking for different ways to get high on everything from cigarettes to psilocybin. At the same time, though, it's hard not to admire someone who lived 76 years and was never at a loss for big ideas.

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Ready for the final trip: Timothy Leary, still cheerful in his last days

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Two thousand years of faith and power

Piers Paul Read on the Vatican's survival

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Lifted by hope: watching a holy mass held by Pope John Paul II in Crakow in June of this year

It is often said, even by Roman Catholics, that the Church will survive into the third millennium only if the present Pope changes its teaching to accommodate the manners and morals of the modern world. The riposte to this is to be found in two new histories of the papacy which show how time and again it has triumphed over its adversaries, however untenable its position seemed at the time.

The longevity of the papacy as a continuous institution is a unique phenomenon in the history of the human race. "The papacy," writes Eamon Duffy, "is the oldest as well as, arguably, the most influential of all human institutions." "The historian," writes Paul Johnson, "bows his head in humble respect at its antiquity, continuity and durability, and observes in awe its endless splendours and shadows as they flicker across the centuries. It has now survived two entire millennia with its essential functions intact."

SAINTS AND SINNERS
A History of the Popes
By Eamon Duffy
Yale, £16.95
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THE PAPACY
Edited by Michael Walsh
With an Introduction
by Paul Johnson
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Its origins are undocumented but the tradition accepted from the earliest times is that St Peter, the leader of Christ's disciples and the "rock" upon whom he built his Church, was crucified in Rome together with St Paul, and was buried beneath what is now the high altar of St Peter's. The exact status of his immediate successors in the early Church is unknown, but the continuity between Apostle and Pope was established as early as AD 180, and "by the beginning of the third century the Church in Rome was an acknowledged point of reference for Christians throughout the Mediterranean world."

The role of the papacy as the supreme court of the Church, and so the source of the Church's unity, is perhaps the only consistent element in its long history. The Popes' zeal for orthodoxy was apparent almost from the start, but their relations with the secular world have varied greatly according to political circumstance. The conversion of Constantine eventually made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire, but it began a rivalry between Popes and Christian emperors and kings that lasted at least until the First World War. Paradoxically, papal power over national churches has often been greater when the governments were indifferent or even antagonistic towards the Church. The Pope's control over the appointment of bishops is today greater than ever before.

To tackle the history of 261 Popes over a period of 2,000 years is a daunting task: Ludwig von Pastor's 37-volume *History of the Popes* covers only 450 years. Of the two authors, only Eamon Duffy attempts it. *The Papacy* has Paul Johnson's name on the dust jacket but he contributes only an introduction and an afterword. The bulk of the book is made up of essays by different scholars edited by Michael Walsh, a biographer of Pope John Paul II and the librarian of Heythrop College. This cross-fertilisation of Johnson, a well-known traditionalist, with a liberal Catholic such as Walsh, no doubt ensures an even-handed treatment of the subject. The only disadvantage is in the change in tone from Johnson's sparkling prose in his introduction to the drier tone of the academics whose essays follow. Each is an expert in his field, and there is no doubt that we have in it the results of the most up-to-date thinking and most recent research, but it denies the book a broad sweep or a consistent style.

Eamon Duffy's book, by contrast, has a grand perspective that suits its subject. This is not what one might have expected from the meticulous scholar who wrote *The Stripping of the Altars*, Duffy's acclaimed study of the Reformation in England.

Rarely can a professional historian have moved so successfully from the particular to the general as Duffy does in this history of the Popes. The reader is caught up in the enthusiasm he clearly feels for his subject. He enlivens the long march though church history with anecdotes that bring the different pontiffs to life and, though the genesis of the book was a television series, there is never a sense that this is anything less than a serious and authoritative history. *Saints and Sinners* is a remarkable achievement.

How is it that the papacy has survived? Although Duffy, like Johnson and Walsh, is a Catholic, he carefully avoids any claim to a divine guarantee. Johnson ascribes this extraordinary phenomenon to the link with Rome, the universality of the institution and the variety of the individuals. Perhaps more significant was the belief of Catholics — now numbering almost a billion — that the successor to St Peter has inherited his powers to bind and loose, and the keys to the kingdom of Heaven. Many of the Popes abused this office, but even from a purely temporal perspective, it can be said that the good of the good Popes such as Gregory the Great outweighs the bad of the bad ones; and even the bad turn out not to have been as bad as we imagined. "Many aspects of their behaviour and policies that we find reprehensible, or at least baffling," writes John O'Malley in his contribution to *The Papacy*, "were due not to moral degeneracy but to fiscal and ecclesiastic systems that almost required them to act as they did . . ."

Both histories agree the iniquities of the infamous Alexander VI were probably exaggerated by his enemies. They also feel that much can be forgiven Renaissance Popes such as Sixtus IV and Julius II for their lavish patronage of the arts. The fine colour illustrations in both books help to make their point.

Marianne Wiggins admires a Grand Inquisitor

Critic on the edge

ERRATA
An Examined Life
By George Steiner
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I know a woman who, as a particularly challenging deadline approaches in her work, dreams she is roused in the middle of the night by an insistent knocking at her door. In her dream she rises, draws her nightdress about her and holds a lantern up as she opens the door to discover a small figure of a man wrapped in a trenchcoat whom she initially mistakes for Sartre. Immediately this compact figure begins to interrogate her vigorously in English, French and German, his presence on her threshold like a tumbler of bicarbonate of soda, bubbly, fizzing, sparkling; gassy. It's George Steiner. "What assurance do you have you're working hard enough?" he needs to know. "What do you believe in? Are you busy? Do you have a moment? What is the crux of your existence?"

If you're going to dream a Grand Inquisitor, the subconscious choice of Steiner says a lot about how well stocked your cellar is. I usually come up with Jeremy Paxman, but that may well be a dreamy function of the ol' mind/body problem, of libido over celebration. *Errata: An Examined Life*, Steiner's new collection of 11 suasive, admonitory essays, succeeds in lifting the veil on the identity of which Grand Ink has kept Steiner on the knife edge of preparedness all his life, madly cramming in anticipation of life's final test, the ultimate trick question.

But Steiner trumped this trick so long ago — in *Language and Silence*, *After Babel*, *Antigones*, *The Portage to San Cristobal of A. H.* — that I have to question why with all the brilliance bestowed on him at birth and every subsequent opportunity, as it appears from my casual observer's perspective, passionately and fruitfully exploited in the best of senses, he continues to harry his personal peace of mind with public displays of self-justification. That he does so here with humour and self-deprecation is to his credit; that he does so at all prompts a recollection of Lyndon Johnson showing the world the scar tissue through which his gall bladder had been surgically extracted.

Every profession creates its own province and, therefore, its own professionalism. By all accounts, Steiner is a galvanic, exacting teacher. If you have been fortunate enough to watch him give a lecture, as I have, then you have appraised, conspiratorially or not, a rabid intellect at work, meticulous and tender, sensuous and pompous, in promoting his own passions. He writes, when he's writing from his senses, like an angel. His gifts are so many and so energetically expressed that it is not surprising, given the jealous attention to every gesture in any provincial society, that his academic achievements have been attacked. But it is one thing to be called to battle to face Achilles, Julius Caesar or — heil — Rambo; it is quite another to be called into the fray to fight a single army ant.

And that's what *Errata*, in the most part, reads like: man against mosquito, *Steiner Agonistes*. The display of a luminous intelligence volunteering for a downward eddy to substantiate itself to lesser lights.

Most of the 11 so-called essays in *Errata* read as perorations, as if, as I suspect, they were written originally as lectures. There is little here, for any Steiner fan, that's new. More fuel, for Steiner foes, for fire. Steiner is too smart not to have reckoned that. And I'm angry with him for playing to that choir. For not targeting his intelligence elsewhere, beyond the boundary of the province that would squeeze him. Who knows — maybe Socrates once turned to Plato to ask: "Do these pants make me look fat?"

All we can hope is that Plato replied: "No, the pants don't. But the question certainly does."

A Ford you can rely on

MARK PEPPER

Richard Ford: delineating a quiet conflict of the sexes

Claire Messud

WOMEN WITH MEN
By Richard Ford
Harvill, £14.99
ISBN 1 86046 341 X

The rhythm of Richard Ford's prose is distinct but discreet, like the hum of an expensive engine: his words are measured but never laboured, his cadences artfully artless. The effect is wholly American, the legacy Hemingway's. The three novellas that comprise *Women With Men* offer the pleasures of this style, simultaneously frank and oblique, and the poignancy of Ford's insight into the lives of the striving and the flawed.

Like Frank Bascombe, the hero of Ford's novels *The Sportswriter* and *Independence Day*, the men in these stories are adrift in their lives, in search of life itself. They crave mutability and purpose equally. It is the women around them who *act*, whether in departure or in patience: it is the women who take responsibility. In this sense, the book's title is apt, but all three novellas belong to their male protagonists; it is their confusion that attracts Ford's meticulous eye.

Tellingly, two of the pieces are set in Paris, the emblematic centre of American exile, where life is lived in translation — or, more often, in liberating and terrifying incomprehension. *The Womanizer* follows Martin Austin, a 44-year-old from Chicago, in his bungled search to "regulate life, do little harm and still be attached to others". On a business trip to France, he meets Joséphine Belliard, a divorcée with a small son. Theirs is not a consummated affair but rather the delicious maintenance, over several days, of "the exquisite moment before anything is acted on and when all is potential, before life turns this way or that." Barbara, Austin's wife of many years, sees his behaviour differently: "You think of yourself as a given," she observes, "that what you go off to some foreign country and do won't have any effect on you, won't leave you different." Austin, fighting to live in the moment, seems incapable of comprehending consequences and hence of comprehending life.

The weight of consequences hangs over 17-year-old Lawrence, too, but he is their passive observer. The narrator of *Jealous* recalls the Thanksgiving of 1975, when he leaves his father in Montana to travel with his aunt Doris to his mother's new home in Seattle. Awaiting the train in a bar in a town called Shelby, the boy and his aunt are witness to hideous violence, its motives a matter only of shadowy conjecture to them, just as his parents' separation and the bond between his father and Doris remain murky to young Lawrence.

In *Occidentals*, Charley Matthews, like Martin Austin, is in Paris. A former professor, a former husband and father, Matthews has travelled with his lover, Helen, to meet the French publisher of his first novel. But the publisher leaves town unmet, and in the bitter damp of Parisian winter, the couple's trip somehow becomes Helen's. Matthews has claimed that he would "like for things not to centre so much on me", and this is indeed what transpires; but this translation of focus — like the imminent translation of his novel — is more extreme a process than he has anticipated. "Often, of course, you learn what your book is about after you write it," suggests his French translator. "Sometimes after someone translates it and tells you."

Ford's men seek meaning, in their fumbling, convoluted steps, and it is the women in their lives who, in one way or another, provide translation, the glimmers of truth. But these men are also seeking control, and some measure of freedom — the very control and freedom that Ford, in his mastery, has over his stories — and that, it would seem, they can find only fleetingly, and alone.

Wolves beneath the sea

M. R. D. Foot

HITLER'S U-BOAT WAR
By Clay Blair
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CLAY BLAIR served in a United States Navy submarine in the Pacific late in the last World War, and worked on several leading American magazines before he turned historian. He is well qualified to tackle the subject of this book, and has done an enormous amount of work — as testified by 70 pages of appendices, listing *inter alia* every U-boat that operated west of the Baltic, with commander's name, year and month of birth and its fate.

Life in a U-boat in the Atlantic was often violently uncomfortable. "Conditions below were pure hell, like living inside a tumbling, wet barrel." Moreover, the crafts' hulls were often inadequate to stand the strains to which they were subjected; their torpedoes often malfunctioned. Casualties were severe; but the crews' morale on the whole remained high.

Elaborate orders were given, when the World War against Hitler's Germany broke out, to the few U-boat crews available that they were to respect international law. Orders broken that very day — September 3, 1939 — by Lemp, who then commanded U-30 and torpedoed the *SS Athenia*, a passenger liner he mistook for an auxiliary cruiser. On Hitler's orders, the Germans pretended *Athenia* had been sunk by the British. Before long, German propaganda was trumpeting out the successes of the various U-boat aces; and indeed, the submarine effort almost brought Great Britain to disaster. Almost, but not quite: as Mr Blair concludes: "While the U-boat campaign against the combined Allied tanker fleet caused great hardships and inconveniences, it failed to achieve a decisive strategic success." The same could be said of the efforts against the Royal and United States navies and against merchant shipping supplying the United Kingdom in general.

The book has plenty of detailed accounts of actions at sea: such as Prien's extraordinary feat of arms, when he crept into Scapa Flow to torpedo the *Royal Oak*, or Baker-Cresswell's duel with Lemp in mid-Atlantic on May 9, 1941, in which Lemp drowned and the British emerged with U-110's Enigma machine intact. It is a relief to read a piece of naval history in which proper weight is given to intelligence's part in the fighting: both to the advantages the Germans got from reading the simple code on which the Admiralty long insisted for convoy captains, and to the role played by Bletchley Park in securing the Germans' eventual defeat.

The second half of the book deals with the U-boat effort against the United States and runs to September 1, 1942. A further volume is promised to carry the story on to the end of the war; when the colossal productive capacity of the United States came to render the threat from U-boats almost negligible. Even in the period this volume covers the U-boat danger was, according to Blair, not as severe as it was thought to be at the time.

This book will be read with appalled interest by anyone who served in the campaign, or has relatives who lost their lives in it. It is salutary for the British to see it viewed largely from the enemy's point of view. There are some unsettling minor errors (the Nazis, for instance, never had a majority in the pre-1933 Reichstag; *Hood* was a battlecruiser, not a superdreadnought). Yet it remains a triumph of naval history-writing.

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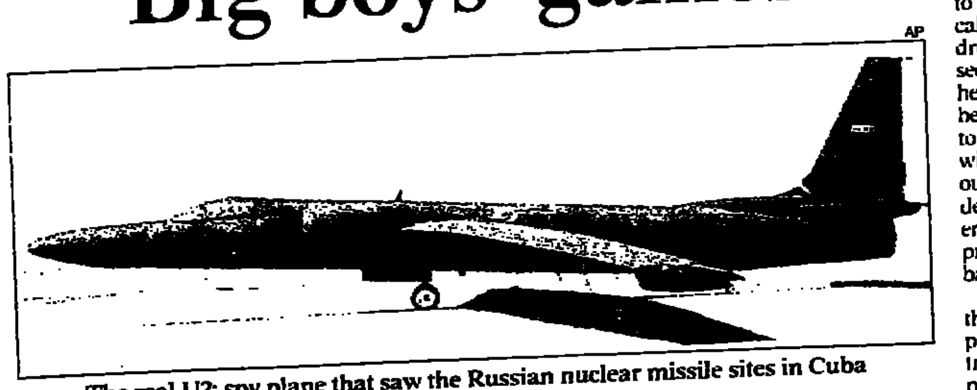

The real U2: spy plane that saw the Russian nuclear missile sites in Cuba

Raymond Seitz

ONE HELL OF A GAMBLE
By Aleksandr Fursenko and Timothy Naftali
John Murray, £25
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On October 16, 1962, John Kennedy was reading the morning newspapers when the National Security Adviser, McGeorge Bundy, showed him the first U2 reconnaisance photographs of the Soviet nuclear missile bases in Cuba. In the fortnight that followed, the United States and the Soviet Union came closer to an all-out cataclysm than at any time during the Cold War. The world had a narrow escape.

Just how narrow emerges from this readable account of the Cuban missile crisis by two scholars — one Russian and one American — who have meticulously reconstructed the events that led to the show-down. The chronology is retold step by dangerous step, and like a tense screenplay, the plot cuts to Washington, then Moscow or Havana and back to Washington.

Fursenko and Naftali also explore how the two superpowers arrived at this moment of truth and how catastrophe was ultimately averted. Drawing on previously unavailable sources, especially the Kremlin records of Khrushchev's Politburo sessions and the tape recordings of Kennedy's White House meetings, the authors replay the match of superpower chess.

By 1962 Fidel Castro had completed the make-over of the Cuban revolution from popular peasant uprising to communist police state. Cuba's ideological template was more Maoist than Leninist, but only the Soviet Union could offer protection to an island 90 miles off the Florida coast. And Castro needed protection. The American-backed Bay of Pigs invasion the year before had failed, but Castro was convinced the Yankees would try again.

Nikita Khrushchev, in the early 1960s, was on a roll. From Sputnik to the Berlin Wall, Moscow had pulled off one spectacular feat after another. But the Kremlin's strategic inferiority rankled Khrushchev (America had stationed Jupiter missiles in Turkey), and China was challenging Moscow for leadership of the international communist movement. Cuba offered an opportunity to sponsor a Third World revolution and to stick a Russian finger in the American eye.

The Bay of Pigs had been a disgrace for Kennedy, and Cuba had become a malignancy spreading through the hemisphere. Moreover, a Soviet foothold in America's back yard would be intolerable. Kennedy approved elaborate CIA plans to destabilise the Cuban regime, and though he had little faith these would work, he feared anything more overt might provoke a harsh Soviet response elsewhere, possibly Berlin.

In surreptitiously shipping intermediate-range nuclear missiles to Cuba, the Russians raised the ante. Moscow had acquired a credible "first strike" capability against the United States. For the Americans, Cuba was transformed from a regional nuisance into a strategic threat.

Kennedy shrewdly decided on a military quarantine of Cuba instead of an outright attack, as his service chiefs urged. Rather than a confrontation, the president offered Khrushchev a political way out: a unilateral pledge not to invade Cuba. He also offered an "understanding" that the American missiles in Turkey would be removed (already on the cards anyway).

On October 22, just before his famous speech to the nation, John Kennedy privately told congressional leaders that, if Khrushchev did not dismantle the weapons, America would have to invade Cuba. And if America attacked, Soviet forces there might launch their nuclear missiles. "It was," he said, "one hell of a gamble." Khrushchev, for his part, commented in the Politburo: "If the United States insists on war, then we will all meet in hell."

But Khrushchev had the wit to know when his bluff was called, and the cleverness to dress up defeat as victory. In securing a no-invasion pledge, he claimed that his goals had been achieved. But it was hard to cover up the humiliation of withdrawal. Castro was furious. His "protector" was suddenly cutting deals with the enemy. The Cuban seemed to prefer a nuclear exchange to backing down.

What is most unsettling in this book is how badly each player misread the other. Castro believed the more Soviet protection there was, the safer he would be. Khrushchev thought he could get away with a strategic provocation of the American giant because the young Kennedy seemed so irresolute. Kennedy thought Cuba was virtually impregnable but that he could choose his own time to deal with the Latin menace. And as the crisis ripened, each leader took steps that made more likely exactly what each was attempting to avoid.

These miscalculations make for chilly reading. No course was obviously the right one, and the confusion of decision-making, back-channel communication and simple slip-ups demonstrate how easily things could have gone calamitously wrong.

For students of the Cold War who enjoy high-stakes, close-call diplomacy, this is a compelling book and an important contribution to understanding the last half-century.

CRICKET

Smith keeps title hopes alive with key wickets

By John Thicknesse

BRISTOL (first day of four: Gloucestershire won toss): Nottinghamshire have scored 255 for eight wickets against Gloucestershire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ended a fluctuating day's cricket well placed enough to fancy their chance of sustaining their challenge for the Britannic Assurance county championship. After a disheartening first two hours, when they were powerless to prevent the Nottinghamshire openers, Matthew Dowman and Tim Robinson, scoring 101 with little apparent trouble, they struck back with six wickets in 63 minutes in mid-afternoon, before a stand of 78 between Usman Azfaal and Wayne Noon held them up again.

Considering how much rain fell overnight and in the first hours of the morning, it was astonishing that only 75 minutes were lost before the start, at a cost of 20 overs. Uncovered, the pitch proved olive green. It was inevitable that whichever captain won the toss would field and Mark Alleyne's decision seemed likely to be vindicated quickly when Mike Smith beat the left-handed Dowman five times in two overs with late outswingers, and David Lawrence hit Robinson above the waist from just short of a length.

Lawrence, seemingly huger than ever in the upper body, was playing his first game since mid-May and only his third of the season. Though he bowled too many short balls for the conditions and failed to take a wicket, he made a daunting sight roaring into bowl and gave the task everything he had got.

Once they gauged the slow pace of the pitch, however, the Nottinghamshire openers batted with such assurance that Alleyne may have regretted winning the toss when, after lunching at 49, they needed only 12 overs for the second 50 of their partnership.

Dowman, 23, a compact 5ft 10in, played with the confidence of a man passing 50 for the sixth time in 13 innings. Outwardly unaffected by his early difficulties against Smith, he hit nine fours in a 78-ball fifty and seemed to be playing well enough to turn the innings into his fourth hundred when he was caught off the toe of the bat, almost through a hook stroke off Alleyne before the ball arrived.

Possibly with nothing more than a vague hope that Astle, who, as a New Zealander in his first season with Nottinghamshire, might be surprised by Smith's late swing, Alleyne immediately restored the once-capped England left-armer to support him. The move worked perfectly. Trapping Astle leg-before with the sixth ball of his new spell, Smith added Metcalfe and Robinson in his next five overs, the latter to a diving catch by Russell, while Johnson was caught and bowled by Alleyne.

When Tolley was caught behind off Lewis, Nottinghamshire had lost six wickets for 47 runs in 15 overs, the collapse reflecting the quality of the Dowman-Robinson stand as much as any change in conditions or improvement in the bowling, though Smith swung the ball more in the afternoon.

Perhaps Alleyne made a mistake then in resting Smith in favour of Lawrence: Smith had bowled only seven overs, taking three for 19. Such is the affection in which Lawrence is held that he was applauded when he beat the bat.

His return eased the pressure, however, his four overs costing 20. With Azfaal content to hold an end while Noon went for his strokes, 110 minutes passed before Azfaal became Smith's fourth victim to a low slip catch by Ball.

Lawrence bowls with customary enthusiasm but without success for Gloucestershire at Bristol yesterday. Photograph: Paul Walters

Ealham enjoys his birthday bowling

By Jack Bailey

PORTSMOUTH (first day of four: Kent won toss): Hampshire have scored 111 for two wickets against Kent

HEAVY rain delayed play until mid-afternoon and it was possible to bowl only 45 overs. Both factors probably contributed to Steve Marsh's decision to bowl first on a pitch whose near-neighbour had yielded 1,253 runs and only 27 wickets during the Yorkshire match earlier this month. A chase at the end, if previous form were a guide, would suit Kent: if the pitch helped the bowlers early on. Kent were well enough equipped to take advantage, even without McCague.

So far, a hunt for runs in the fourth innings has seemed the likelier prospect. Mark Ealham, 28 yesterday, celebrated his birthday with the wickets of Matthew Hayden and Jason Laney, producing the excellent figures of two for 25 during a searching spell. Otherwise, the batsmen held sway. Giles White, with a century against Yorkshire at Portsmouth already under his belt this season, has thus far added 39 with Robin Smith and the Hampshire first innings is well under way.

Only 11 overs were possible before tea, but pointers towards a hard slog for Kent were already present when the prolific Hayden and Laney came off after putting on 32 without being separated. Hercules, the giant heavy roller, had done its work on a pitch, though well grassed, which offered the Kent bowlers little assistance; the heavy rain in the morning appeared to have had little effect.

Something special was needed and Ealham, with his subtle variations of pace and swing, was there to provide it. He entered the fray by bowling the first over after tea and, with the second ball of his third over, he tempted the hitherto secure Hayden into playing early, with the result being a catch to mid-off.

Ealham's next reward owed as much to the outrageous luck of a birthday boy as anything else. Laney, going well, played the ball firmly on to his pad, whence it rattled, via his foot, on to the stumps. That was Kent's last breakthrough. Even the introduction of Paul Strang's leg breaks to tease Robin Smith never looked like bearing fruit.

Warne has four offers to consider

By Richard Hobson

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE confirmed yesterday that they have offered Shane Warne the position of overseas player next season. Lynn Wilson, the chairman, and Steve Coverdale, the chief executive, held a third meeting with Warne and Austin Robertson, his adviser, last Friday.

The Australia leg spinner has also received offers from Lancashire, Nottinghamshire and Sussex and says he is "90 per cent certain" to play county cricket in 1998. He has promised to make a decision before the end of next month, but may face pressure from the Australia Cricket Board (ACB) not to play.

The Durham captain, David Boon has confirmed that he will return from Australia to lead the county for a second year in 1998. Only five overs were possible in the game between the two counties yesterday.

At Chelmsford, Essex progressed uncertainly in two 70-minute spells to 107 for three against Warwickshire. Welch claimed the wickets of Hodgson and Robinson, while Hussain fell to Brown. Stuart Law remained 30 not out.

Vaughan sustains Yorkshire's drive

By Barney Spender

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 247 for three wickets against Lancashire

YORKSHIRE'S hopes of landing their first county championship title since 1968 may rest primarily on Glamorgan, Kent and Gloucestershire, the three teams above them, slipping up, but they gave every indication on the first day of this Roses match that they intend to keep up the pressure all the way.

On a pitch that belied its green tinge, Michael Vaughan posted his second championship century of the season and shared an authoritative partnership of 147 with David Byas, the captain, as Yorkshire dodged the showers, which robbed the day of 32 overs, and built a fine platform for a big total today.

Lancashire, without Michael Atherton, who was away contemplating his England future, worked hard for a breakthrough and were rewarded eight overs from the close when Vaughan, having just reached his hundred off 172 balls, with 16 fours, tried to work Jason Gallian through the on-side and lost his off-stump.

In the next over, Byas also fell, holing out to Martin at mid-on, but it was cold comfort for Lancashire, for whom the end of the season cannot come quickly enough. Apart from the Axa Life League, they have struggled and the growing sense of disunity around the place has gathered fuel this week with the resignation of John Bower, the chief executive, and reports that Gallian may be sailing down to Middlesex at the end of the season.

Vaughan's season, which began with a hundred against Oxford University and a fine 161 against Essex, has been fragmented by a broken finger, but yesterday he looked assured in reaching his century in just under four hours.

Anthony McGrath gave an early chance to Mike Watkinson at third slip as Peter Martin and Ian Austin found some movement but was finally undone by the spirt of Gary Yates. Byas scratched around but soon found the off-spin of Mike Watkinson to his liking, several times striking him over mid-off for four and, once, for six on his way to 61.

Middlesex struggle as Moody's seamers dominate

By Pat Gibson

KIDDERMINSTER (first day of four; Worcestershire won toss): Middlesex have scored 217 for seven wickets against Worcestershire

MOST of the factories that made the town famous have closed now but they can still produce a decent carpet at Kidderminster. They rolled one out yesterday with enough pile on it to transform a traditional batsman's paradise into the "result pitch" that Worcestershire wanted if they were to maintain their improbable challenge for the county championship.

It was much greener than usual and, when play eventually got underway after lunch, Tom Moody, the Worcestershire captain, put Middlesex in on the reasonable assumption that none of their batsmen would be able to emulate David Sales, of Northamptonshire, who last year became the youngest player to score a double century since W. G. Grace in a match of 1,512 runs.

He was not wrong. The two Worcestershire seamers, Sheriyar, the left-arm quick, and Mirza, the right-arm fast medium, made the ball nip around and not even Ramprakash could get far.

Kallis had already fallen to Sheriyar, beautifully picked up by Hick at second slip as he drove recklessly at a wide one, when Ramprakash was caught behind off Mirza after struggling for more than three quarters of an hour for nine.

Pooley promised more, hitting ten fours in his 45 before he got a ball from Hayes that seemed to stop and lobbed a simple catch to mid-on.

Gatting and Shah then did their best to give the innings substance; but neither looked particularly comfortable and they both got out in the same over from Sheriyar — the veteran caught at first slip, the novice at extra cover.

It was left to Nash to keep Middlesex afloat, but Moody could be satisfied with his side's progress on the day he declined the offer to coach them as well. "I just feel I would not be able to do all the jobs justice if I put coaching on top of the captaincy and playing," he said.

Rain denies England decisive win

By Sarah Potter

HINCKLEY (England won toss): Match abandoned

JUST when England seemed to be on the verge of taking a decisive 3-1 lead in the five-match series with South Africa yesterday, they were denied by a thunderous downpour. The umpires began the day by rescuing a frog from the path of the heavy roller and ended it at 5pm by declaring the sodden pitch unfit. The damp and rural confines of Hinckley must have seemed a long way from the splendours of Lord's a week ago.

South Africa never came to terms with the difficult conditions. Although Redfern fell over delivering her first ball, she quickly claimed the wickets of Burger and Reid with her left-arm swing.

The slow outfield made boundaries a rarity. The first four came in the fifteenth over, so picking up quick singles became essential. Poor running, however, severely restricted the touring team and Conrad Hunte, the coach, will need to improve this if South Africa are to be a force in the World Cup.

They travel to Milton Keynes on Saturday for the final match with the series still alive. England, with a 2-1 lead, and a near-win here, will doubtless be the more confident.

Rao brightens the gloomy Sussex start

By Ivo Tennant

AT THE Oval, the floodlights installed for the first competitive day-night cricket match in England brightened up the surroundings. At Edgbaston, they cast an iridescent glow. Sooner or later, a first-class county without a Test match ground would attempt to stage such a fixture, although the surprise was that it was Sussex who did so ahead of less conservative clubs.

At the Oval and Edgbaston, the floodlights did not appear incongruous. Beside the seaside, it was a different matter. They were turned on and kept on throughout bright sunshine which lasted for most of the Sussex innings. Otherwise, this was a somewhat lukewarm affair.

Rain earlier in the day might have deterred some spectators from arriving for the start of this Axa Life League match, which was reduced to 38 overs a side. The fact that Sussex — self-styled the Tigers yesterday — were at the bottom of the table might not have helped either, although the spectacle, rather than the intrinsic merits of both sides, was the attraction. By 6.30pm, about 4,000 spectators had arrived, and more were trickling in.

Tony Pigott, the Sussex chief executive, was in no doubt that this experiment would not be the last at Hove. He believes that one day all the county's limited-overs matches may be staged under floodlights permanently installed. "We are in the business of entertaining and must try as many ways as possible to get people into grounds when it suits them," he said.

In Birmingham, there is a proven market for this kind of cricket. It is the obvious venue. To what extent spectators will take to it on the more staid south coast is another matter — particularly when Sussex bat as they did here.

They lost five wickets cheaply against Surrey's experienced attack. The former Sussex player, Ian Salisbury, bowled tidily, taking the wicket of Moores, the captain. Rao, who batted so splendidly in the NatWest quarter-final at Derby, made a half-century that ensured his side would make a reasonable total. He cut and drove with panache.

☐ Neil Lenham, the Sussex batsman, has been forced to retire from first-class cricket because of a persistent foot injury. The 32-year-old, who made his county debut in 1984 and was capped six years later, has played in only six championship matches this season. Lenham hit more than 10,000 first-class runs, including 18 centuries, with a highest score of 222 not out against Kent at Hove in 1992.

Rogers puts Norfolk in charge

By Michael Austin

LORD'S (Shropshire won toss): Shropshire, with nine wickets in hand, need 234 runs to beat Norfolk

CARL ROGERS, with a chanceless unbeaten hundred, showed his burgeoning talent as Norfolk exposed Shropshire's bowling frailties in the MCC Trophy final. Rogers, 26, spent two summers playing for MCC Young Professionals and his Lord's connection extended to second XI games for Middlesex, along with trials for Derbyshire, Essex, Northamptonshire and Sussex.

The patient Rogers made 119 not out from 166 balls, struck 13 fours and worked Norfolk into a commanding position, initially during an opening partnership of 137 in 32 overs with Carl Amos.

Their progress seemed ponderous but the ball seamed in poor light before conditions turned in favour of the batsman as Asif Din, the former Warwickshire all rounder, discovered. After regular rain interruptions, the wet ball and Norfolk's wickets in hand conspired against his leg-spin as he conceded 64 runs from eleven overs.

With the bat, however, Din dug in to preserve Shropshire's hopes, before play ended through bad light at 7.50pm.

Dorset captain stands his ground

Simon Wilde explains why Peter Roebuck

is angry with a former Somerset colleague

This has been quite a summer for fallings-out on the cricket field. First Marlborough and Radley refused to play ball, then Mark Ilott and Robert Croft had that dust up at Chelmsford. Now, in the Minor Counties championship, Peter Roebuck, the Devon captain, has refused to shake hands with Jon Hardy, his Dorset counterpart, and accused him of bad sportsmanship.

Roebuck and Hardy, former team-mates at Somerset, put their heads together on Monday morning to try to stage a worthwhile finish to a game disrupted by rain at Dean Park, Bournemouth.

The deal, according to Roebuck, was that Devon, who held a first-innings lead of 79, would be allowed to reach at least 155 in their second innings, with Hardy bowling only his spinners and part-time bowlers. Hardy said there was a tentative agreement to chase a total of around 235 in 65 overs and not deploy Julian Shackleton, his best bowler.

In the event, Devon were all out for 128. Dorset won the match by seven wickets and Roebuck charged Hardy with reneging on the deal. "I said I would stick to bowling the spinners but I made it clear I wasn't going to feed Devon any runs," Hardy said. "We bowled particularly well but they got themselves out."

When Devon were 68 for six, Roebuck stormed onto the pitch — ostensibly to take some fresh gloves out to his batsmen — and had words with Hardy. "I told him I couldn't score the runs for him," Hardy said. "I told him I'd kept to our agreement."

At the end of the game the Devon players refused to applaud their opponents. "In 25 years, I have been battered, bruised and berated on the field, but never before refused to shake hands," Roebuck said, "but this was the most disgraceful thing I have seen. It is hard to see how relations can be restored until he apologises. At present, he is attempting to justify his actions. They are simply excuses."

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARD

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Somerset

DERBY (first day of four; Somerset won toss): Derbyshire have scored 73 for two wickets against Somerset

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

A S Rollins retired hurt	12
M R May c Turner b Rose	25
T A Tweats lbw b Caddick	26
A J Harris not out	5
K J Barnett not out	0
Extras (lb 3, w 2)	5
Total (2 wkts, 25 overs)	73

M E Cassar, D G Cork, †K M Krikken, *P A J DeFreitas, S J Lacey and D E Malcolm to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-71.

BOWLING: Caddick 12-3-32-1; Shine 9-2-30-0; Rose 3-1-6-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 1-0-2-0

SOMERSET: P C L Holloway, †R J Turner, *S C Ecclestone, M N Lathwell, M E Trescothick, M Burns, G D Rose, S Herzberg, A R Caddick, Mushtaq Ahmed, K J Shine.

Umpires: R Julian and B Leadbeater

Essex v Warwickshire

CHELMSFORD (first day of four; Essex won toss): Essex have scored 107 for three wickets against Warwickshire

ESSEX: First Innings

D D J Robinson c Donald b Welch	38
T P Hodgson c Piper b Welch	12
*N Hussain lbw b Brown	21
S G Law not out	30
M C Ilott not out	0
Extras (lb 4, nb 2)	6
Total (3 wkts, 35 overs)	107

A P Grayson, J N Flanagan, D R Law, †R J Rollins, A P Cowan and P M Such to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-76, 3-93

BOWLING: Donald 11-2-34-0; Brown 13-2-49-1; Welch 7-4-10-2; Giles 4-1-10-0.

WARWICKSHIRE: *N V Knight, A J Moles, D L Hemp, D P Ostler, T L Penney, N M K Smith, D R Brown, G Welch, A F Giles, †K J Piper, A A Donald

Bonus points: Essex 0 Warwickshire 1

Umpires: J D Bond and J F Steele.

Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire

BRISTOL (first day of four: Gloucestershire won toss): Nottinghamshire have scored 255 for eight wickets against Gloucestershire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

M P Dowman c Young b Alleyne	52
R T Robinson c Russell b Smith	56
N J Astle lbw b Smith	0
*P Johnson c and b Alleyne	6
A A Metcalfe lbw b Smith	11
U Afzaal c Ball b Smith	23
C M Tolley c Russell b Lewis	0
†W M Noon c Russell b Lewis	60
K P Evans not out	20
M N Bowen not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 11, w 6, nb 6)	27
Total (8 wkts, 84 overs)	255

A R Oram to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-101, 2-102, 3-109, 4-132, 5-141, 6-148, 7-226, 8-248

BOWLING: Smith 20-3-60-4; Lawrence 12-2-37-0; Lewis 17-4-52-2; Young 13-1-43-0; Alleyne 13-2-42-2; Ball 9-5-6-0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: M G N Windows, N J Trainor, T H C Hancock, R I Dawson, S Young, *M W Alleyne, †R C Russell, M C J Ball, A M Smith, J Lewis, D V Lawrence

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 3 Nottinghamshire 2

Umpires: T E Jesty and D R Shepherd.

Hampshire v Kent

PORTSMOUTH (first day of four; Kent won toss): Hampshire have scored 111 for two wickets against Kent

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

J S Laney b Ealham	24
M L Hayden c Headley b Ealham	26
G W White not out	35
R A Smith not out	19
Extras (lb 3, nb 4)	7
Total (2 wkts, 45 overs)	111

M Keech, *J P Stephenson, †A N Aymes, S D Udal, L Savident, S J Renshaw and S M Milburn to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-81.

BOWLING: Headley 8-1-26-0; Phillips 11-3-24-0; Ealham 11-4-25-2; Fleming 9-2-22-0; Strang 6-2-11-0

KENT: D P Fulton, E T Smith, T R Ward, A P Wells, G R Cowdrey, M A Ealham, M V Fleming, *†S A Marsh, P A Strang, D W Headley, B J Phillips

Umpires: A Clarkson and D J Constant

Lancashire v Yorkshire

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 247 for three wickets against Lancashire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

A McGrath c Lloyd b Yates	33
M P Vaughan b Gallian	105
*D Byas c Martin b Green	61
D S Lehmann not out	17
C E W Silverwood not out	8
Extras (b 5, lb 4, nb 14)	23
Total (3 wkts, 72 overs)	247

C White, B Parker, †R J Blakey, G M Hamilton, P M Hutchison and R D Stemp to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-69, 2-216, 3-222

BOWLING: Martin 15-3-41-0; Austin 15-3-50-0; Green 15-6-31-1; Yates 15-0-56-1; Watkinson 8-0-32-0; Gallian 4-0-28-1

LANCASHIRE: N T Wood, J E R Gallian, J P Crawley, N H Fairbrother, G D Lloyd, *M Watkinson, I D Austin, †W K Hegg, G Yates, P J Martin, R J Green

Bonus points: Lancashire 1 Yorkshire 1

Umpires: N T Plews and A G T Whitehead.

Northamptonshire v Durham

NORTHAMPTON (first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 4 for no wicket against Durham

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R R Montgomerie not out	1
A J Swann not out	0
Extras (lb 3)	3
Total (no wkt, 5 overs)	4

A Fordham, *R J Bailey, D J G Sales, A L Penberthy, †D Ripley, J P Taylor, Mohammad Akram, M K Davies and J F Brown to bat

BOWLING: Brown 3-2-1-0; Betts 2-2-0-0.

DURHAM: J J B Lewis, S Hutton, J E Morris, *D C Boon, †M P Speight, R M S Weston, M J Foster, M M Betts, J Boiling, S J E Brown, D M Cox

Umpires: J H Hampshire and R A White

Worcestershire v Middlesex

KIDDERMINSTER (first day of four; Worcestershire won toss): Middlesex have scored 217 for seven wickets against Worcestershire

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

J C Pooley c Sheriyar b Haynes	45
J H Kallis c Hick b Sheriyar	4
*M R Ramprakash c Rhodes b Mirza	9
M W Gatting c Spiring b Sheriyar	35
O A Shah c Lampitt b Sheriyar	22
D C Nash not out	23
†K R Brown lbw b Haynes	14
R L Johnson c Spiring b Haynes	9
J P Hewitt not out	10
Extras (lb 8, w 4, nb 24)	38
Total (7 wkts, 67 overs)	217

A R C Fraser and P C R Tufnell to bat.

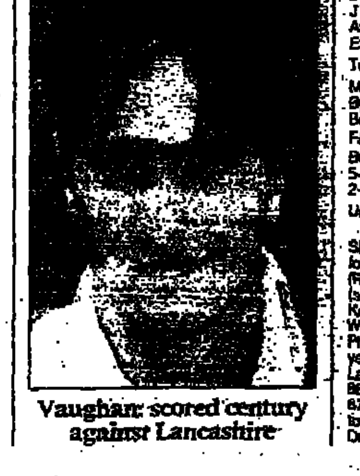
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-47, 3-77, 4-141, 5-142, 6-175, 7-191

BOWLING: Sheriyar 13-3-37-3; Mirza 18-4-70-1; Haynes 18-2-57-3; Moody 7-4-11-0; Lampitt 11-4-34-0

WORCESTERSHIRE: M M Mirza, W P C Weston, *T M Moody, G A Hick, K R Spiring, G R Haynes, D A Leatherdale, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, R K Illingworth, A Sheriyar

Bonus points: Worcestershire 3 Middlesex 1

Umpires: J H Harris and K E Palmer.



Vaughan: scored century against Lancashire

No play yesterday

Leicester: Leicestershire v Glamorgan.

Fourth women's one-day international

England v South Africans

HINCKLEY (England won toss): No result.

SOUTH AFRICAN

L Oliver not out	34
A Burger b Redfern	3
D Reid c Cassar b Redfern	1
*K Price run out	0
H Davies c Reynard b Smithies	11
K Laing b Reynard	0
A Kotze not out	8
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (5 wkts, 27 overs)	59

C Eksteen, L Korkie, A Kuylaars and †D Terblanche to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-10, 3-16, 4-37, 5-46.

BOWLING: MacLeod 6-1-8-0; Redfern 8-0-17-2; Reynard 7-3-21-1; Smithies 7-4-9-1; Connor 1-0-2-0

ENGLAND: *K Smithies, S Metcalfe, †J Cassar, C Connor, B Daniels, K Leng, L MacLeod, J A Brittin, M Reynard, S Redfern, C Edwards.

Umpires: J Hayes and A Fox.

MCC Trophy Final

Norfolk v Shropshire

LORD'S (Shropshire won toss): Shropshire, with nine wickets in hand, need 234 runs to beat Norfolk

NORFOLK

C J Rogers not out	119
C Amos c Johnson b A B Byram	56
S C Goldsmith b A B Byram	4
T J Boon c Mackelworth b G J Byram	13
D R Thomas c Johnson b Asif Din	15
*P G Newman not out	18
Extras (b 4, lb 19, w 26, nb 4)	53
Total (4 wkts, 55 overs)	279

M Tipping, N Fox, M W Thomas, P J Bradshaw and †M K L Boyden did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-137, 2-151, 3-179, 4-228

BOWLING: G J Byram 11-0-58-1; Shimmons 11-0-41-0; Bowett 6-0-29-0; Asif Din 11-1-64-1; A B Byram 11-1-41-2; Payne 6-0-22-0.

SHROPSHIRE

J V Anders c Boyden b Goldsmith	0
J B R Jones not out	8
Asif Din not out	27
Extras (lb 2, w 9)	11
Total (1 wkt, 15 overs)	46

M R Davies, *J R Payne, A N Johnson, A B Byram, †A N Mackelworth, G J Byram, D J Bowett and A M Shimmons to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-3.

BOWLING: Goldsmith 4-1-16-1; Newman 5-1-11-0; M W Thomas 4-1-10-1; Bradshaw 2-0-7-0.

Umpires: M K Reed and C S Kelly.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four): Bradford Park Avenue: Yorkshire 174 (R A Kettleborough 60), Lancashire 130-1. (second day of four): Tunbridge Wells: Kent 278 (C D Walsh 85, N J Llong 81, M J Walker 51; R S C Martin-Jenkins 4-61, N C Phillips 4-52) Sussex 22-0. No play yesterday due to rain. Uxbridge (RAF Vine Lane): Northamptonshire 388 (T M B Bailey 86, K J Innes 84, T C Walton 54, S J Cook 5-67) Middlesex 18-0. No play yesterday due to rain (first day of three): Sunderland: Durham 69-4 v Gloucestershire.

Derbyshire back down on Barnett

By John Stern

DERBY (first day of four; Somerset won toss): Derbyshire have scored 73 for two wickets against Somerset

WINTER, never mind autumn, descended upon Derby yesterday when the 25 overs that the weather allowed were almost secondary to the continued rumblings behind the scenes.

Before play started, 80 minutes late, the Derbyshire committee released a peculiar statement concerning the disciplinary action taken two months ago against Kim Barnett, after he had spoken to a local radio station about the departure of the captain, Dean Jones, despite a ban, imposed by the committee, on players talking to the media. Barnett was fined £500 with a further £1,000 suspended, although the fines were quashed a fortnight ago.

However, only now has Barnett been exonerated, the committee admitting that he "has never been in breach of his contract". As a result of the statement, there was another resignation from the committee, that of Ian Buxton, who had given up as chairman of the cricket committee earlier in the season.

There has still not been an adequate explanation of the events leading up to Jones's departure, although both Barnett and Vic Brownett, the new chairman, indicated that this may not be far off.

During the 7.1 overs bowled before lunch, Michael May was dropped at second slip off Andrew Caddick before he had scored. Adrian Rollins, May's opening partner, was less fortunate. When he was hit on the left knee by a ball from Kevin Shine, having inadvertently pushed the pad aside with his bat, the outcome was a fractured kneecap that will end his season.

Tim Tweats replaced Rollins when played resumed at 5.30pm and took the score to 67 with May before the latter, having calmly made 25, followed a ball from Graham Rose and was caught behind. Tweats then fell for 26, leg-before to Caddick.

Tate Gallery

England, where we're a little annoying when hopelessly

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RACING: KING GEORGE WINNER TACKLES ARC WITHOUT ANOTHER RUN

Swain takes direct route

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

JULIAN HERBERT : ALLSPORT

Swain, left, holds off Pilsudski in a driving finish to the King George at Ascot

SWAIN, who overcame Pilsudski, *Singspiel and* Helissio in the Ascot mud to win *the* King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, will go straight for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp on October 5.

The reason is simple: the Godolphin team believes the battle hardened five-year-old — quoted at 7-1 by Ladbrokes — does not need a tune-up in a race such as the Prix Foy. "He's actually taken the King George very well and won't need a prep race," Simon Crisford, the *Godolphin* racing manager, said yesterday. "He would like some give in the ground at Longchamp, but don't forget that will be only his third race of the season and we have always said he is a horse for the second half of the season."

Swain finished fourth to Helissio in the Arc last year and was *runner-up to the* same horse earlier in the season at Saint-Cloud. However, Frankie Dettori will be *on board at Longchamp* as Swain attempts to level the score after his Ascot triumph.

Surprisingly, Helissio looks set to have a prep race in the *Prix du Moulin over a mile on* Sunday week. The unorthodox build-up follows the intervention of Enrique Sarasola, the owner of Helissio, who offered Elie Lellouche, the horse's trainer, the choice of the Moulin or a race in Germany. As Lellouche did not wish to send Helissio abroad he has opted for the mile race.

Crisford added: "It's 2-1 to Helissio so far but I think we have a great chance. You cannot rule Swain out of the Arc. There is no reason why he should not reproduce his King George *form*, especially if he gets the soft ground which is usually around at that time of the year. He has to be very much respected." *Ladbrokes* bets: 7-2 Helissio, 5-1 Peintre Celebre, 7-1 Pilsudski and Swain, 14-1 My Emma and Entrepreneur, 16-1 Desert King, *20-1 others*.

The Godolphin team has not ruled out keeping Swain in training next year but, in the meantime, the *Breeders' Cup* and Japan Cup are among his end-of-term options. He is also entered, along with stablemate Classic Cliche, in the Melbourne Cup. The King George winner is 30-1 in Australian ante-post lists with Classic Cliche, a winner at Deauville last Sunday, at 25-1.

"Classic Cliche seems to be coming back to his best form," Crisford said. "He ran well in *the Ascot Gold Cup* and in the Goodwood Cup he was having to give 5lb or more to his rivals. If he wins the Irish St Leger, he must have a big chance."

A season which began badly for the Sheikh Mohammed-inspired Godolphin outfit now holds the prospect of ending with a flourish. Stowaway is favourite for the St Leger after his success in the Great Voltigeur Stakes; Predappio is *being aimed at the Canadian* International after running in a group one race at Baden-Baden on September 7, while *Shmoose, who could run at* Salisbury next week, will attempt to underline her position among the leaders in the betting *for* next year's 1,000 Guineas by landing the Cheveley Park Stakes.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: WHATEVER'S RIGHT
(2.30 Lingfield Park)
Next best: Dashing Blue
(4.00 Lingfield Park)

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Generous Embrace
2.30 **WHATEVER'S RIGHT** (nap)
3.00 *Dancing Phantom*
3.30 Mubrik
4.00 Brave Edge
4.30 Palaemon
5.00 *Jucinda*

Timekeeper's top rating: 4.30 **NEWPORT KNIGHT.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 **SADIAN** (nap). 4.00 Mary Cornwallis. 4.30 Burning.

GOING: GOOD (TURF COURSE); STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER) SIS
DRAW: 6F-7F 140YD (TURF), HIGH BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 LABATT ICE CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,277: 6f) (15 runners)

101	(15)	5	GENEROUS EMBRACE 16 (Blandford Thoroughbreds) D Elsworth 9-0	J Reid	71
102	(8)	0108	*TRUTH TELLER 12 (D,F) (J Smith) B Hannon 9-0*	*P Dobbs (7)*	76
103	(9)	050	MYSTAGOGUE 7 (Noodles Racing) R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill	81
104	(11)		NUVELLINO (R Withers) S Knight 8-11	S Drowne	—
105	(13)	D	SAFARI SAM 8 (Robert Levitt) M Tompkins 8-11	D Biggs	—
106	(2)	60	SHARP STEEL 8 (C Sparrowhawk) G L Moore 8-9	Candy Morris	—
107	(7)	3482	JUST ANOTHER TIME 22 (Miss L Blunt) J Berry 8-8	C Lowther (5)	[88]
108	(4)	40	TEEPEE 19 (Highclere Thoroughbred Racing Ltd) W Jarvis 8-8	L Dettori	79
109	(12)	0000	*GHORAPANI 14 (V) (F McEntee) Mrs N Macauley 8-6*	*Jo Hunnam (7)*	—
110	(6)	5036	CORSECAN 13 (K Butler) S Dow 8-5	M Roberts	78
111	(10)	55336	DANDE TIMES 6 (Crown Select) K Ivory 8-5	Martin Dwyer (3)	74
112	(3)	04	CATFOOT LANE 33 (T Lightbowne) W G M Turner 8-4	D Sweeney (3)	70
113	(14)	0	RESURRECTION 15 (R Lewis) R Hannon 8-4	R Smith (7)	71
114	(1)	00200	PETALING 17 (B) (Kennet Valley Thoroughbred II) B Meehan 8-2	G Duffield	78
115	(5)	55	SUPER GEIL 13 (E Kessemacher) C Dwyer 7-13	R Ffrench (3)	76

BETTING: 4-1 Generous Embrace, 6-1 Mystagogue, 13-2 Teepee, 7-1 Just Another Time, 8-1 others

1996: DOWRY 8-6 Pat Eddery (9-4 fav) R Hannon 8 ran

FORM FOCUS Generous Embrace 8¾l 5th to First Village in 5½f Bath maiden fillies stakes (good). Truth Teller 8¾l last of 7 to To Love With Love in 5f Brighton stakes (good to firm). Mystagogue 20l 11th to Bermuda Boy in 6f Salisbury maiden stakes (good to firm). Safari Sam 16l 14th to Chinaider in 6f York selling stakes (6f, good). Just Another Time 1¾l 2nd to Daymabee in 5f Nottingham claiming stakes (good to firm). Teepee 19l 9th to Zalanda in 6f Haydock maiden stakes (good to firm). Corsecan 7¾l last of 8 to Mishraak in 5f Brighton handicap (good to firm). Petaling 4½l 7th to Regal Revolution in 6f Windsor fillies handicap (good to firm).

GENEROUS EMBRACE, favoured by a high draw, can improve on a promising debut

2.30 MURPHYS IRISH STOUT HANDICAP
(All-weather: £3,252: 7f) (16 runners)

201	(9)	-000460	MOI CANARD 13 (B,CD,F) (R Gray) B Pearce 4-10-0	D Holland	50
202	(11)	6330260	NAPIER STAR 22 (V) (P Heaton) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-12	S Webster	56
203	(4)	2502000	LANCASHIRE LEGEND 12 (CD) (B Tabor & D Wilson) S Dow 4-9-12	G Duffield	68
204	(7)	222522	SHARP IMP 9 (B,C,D,F) (Mrs G Temmerman) R Flower 7-9-12 (7ex)	S Sanders	68
205	(15)	0560001	INVOCATION 33 (CD,F) (R Kiernan) G L Moore 10-9-9	A Clark	63
206	(10)	6610-00	*RED ADMIRAL 9 (F,G) (C Murray Racing) C Murray 7-9-9*	*Nicola Howarth*	—
207	(8)	1014543	BIG BEN 19 (CD,F) (Lady Davis) R Hannon 3-9-6	Dane O'Neill	74
208	(16)	4062P05	DAWALIB 13 (CD,F,G) (J Brown Ltd) D Haydn Jones 7-9-4	S Drowne	68
209	(1)	3654220	SIGNS AND WONDERS 19 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-9-1	L Dettori	71
210	(6)	0-34204	STAR TURN 8 (Instar Racing) M Bell 3-9-0	M Fenton	80
211	(14)	4004	BOGAN 27 (V) (G Cosmelli) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-13	M Roberts	59
212	(3)	060060-	LE BAM BAM 414 (J Peters Le Bam Bam Synd) C Allan 5-8-13	Martin Dwyer (3)	—
213	(5)	3-30068	*LOCHLASS 12 (M Johnson) S Woods 3-8-13*	W Ryan	43
214	(15)	0000133	RAWI 25 (B,CD,F) (C Wilkinson) Gay Kelleway 4-8-12	R Ffrench (3)	70
215	(12)	6001660	WHATEVER'S RIGHT 21 (CD,F,G) (M Thurgood) M Usher 8-8-12	K Fallon	[80]
216	(2)	2003524	ED'S FOLLY 13 (E Davess) S Dow 4-8-11	D O'Donohoe (3)	78

BETTING: 9-2 Invocation, 11-2 Sharp Imp, 13-2 Signs And Wonders, 8-1 Big Ben, Rawi, 10-1 Star Turn, Ed's Folly, 12-1 others.

1996: SPEEDY CLASSIC 7-9-7 A Clark (20-1) M Heaton-Ellis 16 ran

FORM FOCUS Lancashire Legend 9l last of 13 to The Frisky Farmer in 6f Brighton selling stakes (good to firm). Sharp Imp beat Bold Time 1¼l in 6f Folkestone handicap (good to firm) with Red Admiral (3lb better off) 27l last. Invocation beat Signs And Wonders (8lb worse off) 1½l in 7f stakes race over course and distance. Big Ben 3¾l 3rd to Windy Treat in 7f Newmarket claimer (good to firm). Signs And Wonders 12l 15th to Neuwest in 7f Newmarket handicap (good to firm). Star Turn 1½l 4th to Dummer Golf Time in 7f Kempton handicap (good). Bogan 7l 4th to Rocky Dance in 1m Salisbury handicap (good to firm). Rawi 2½l 3rd to Skyers Flyer in 6f Newcastle seller (good to firm). Whatever's Right 5½l 7th to Final Stab in 1m Bath handicap (good).

WHATEVER'S RIGHT, with Fallon booked, appeals off his low weight

3.00 BODDINGTONS MANCHESTER GOLD MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,143: 7f 140yd) (12 runners)

301	(2)	06	ALLATON 54 (T Crowson) Mrs P Sly 9-0	N Carlisle	—
302	(1)	0	ASINBOX 15 (Miss J Semple) B Meehan 9-0	M Tebbutt	—
303	(7)	0	*BRONZINO 16 (Miss B Swire) G Balding 9-0*	*S Drowne*	62
304	(6)		DANCING PHANTOM (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) M Stoute 9-0	J Reid	—
305	(12)	0	DASHING CHIEF 89 (Lord Huntingdon) *M Jarvis 9-0*	*M Roberts*	[72]
306	(11)		DESERT SPA (The Cheltenhams) P Harris 9-0	A Clark	—
307	(9)		MUTAMAM (H al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0	R Hills	—
308	(10)		*PARIJMAN STAR (Windflower Overseas Holdings Inc) J Dunlop 9-0*	G Carter	—
309	(4)	420	QUINTUS 15 (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 9-0	DOUBTFUL	—
310	(8)	06	THE THRUSTER 71 (BF) (Mrs W Hern) W Hern 9-0	T Sprake	58
311	(3)	0	LADY FELIX 15 (F Bowness Partnership) S Mellor 8-9	A McGlone	—
312	(5)	00	RISADA 8 (L Ribeiro Pinto) D Loder 8-9	W Ryan	—

BETTING: 2-1 Dancing Phantom, 7-2 Parijman Star, 6-1 Dashing Chief, Mutamam, 8-1 The Thruster, 10-1 others.

1996: BARNUM SANDS 9-0 T Quinn (evens fav) J Dunlop 9 ran

FORM FOCUS Bronzino 9½l 8th to Social Charter in 6f Salisbury maiden stakes (good to firm). Dancing Phantom (foaled Feb 2, cost 120,000gns) by Darshaan out of useful middle-distance maiden. Mutamam (Apr 28, 185,000gns) by Darshaan out of half-sister to Mtoto. Dashing Chief 9l 8th to Cape Verdi in 6f *Newmarket maiden stakes (good to firm). Lady Felix 12l 8th to Harmonic Way in 6f* Salisbury maiden stakes (good to firm) with Asinbox (same terms) 12l last.

DASHING CHIEF has most to fear from the newcomers Dancing Phantom and Mutamam

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robertson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating

3.30 BODDINGTONS MANCHESTER GOLD MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II. 2-Y-O: £3,114: 7f 140yd) (11 runners)

401	(3)		MUBRIK (H al-Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0	G Hind	—
402	(11)		MUHIB (H al-Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	R Hills	—
403	(2)	0	PADDY MCGOON 33 (J Smith) D Elsworth 9-0	G Duffield	64
404	(8)	06	PRAETORIAN GOLD 12 (Gold Buster Syndicate (2)) R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	[-87]
405	(1)		SADIAN (Prince A Faisal) H Cecil 9-0	K Fallon	—
406	(5)	00	ZURYAF 40 (Abbott Racing Ltd) B Meehan 9-0	M Tebbutt	54
407	(9)	6	ZYDECO 20 (J Hartnell) J Dunlop 9-0	L Dettori	56
408	(6)		OUR MOLLY MALONE (The Frenns Fillies Partnership) D Morley 8-9	M Fenton	—
409	(4)	00	SAFABEE 14 (A Walder) M Haynes 8-9	Martin Dwyer (3)	68
410	(10)	0	*SUMBAWA 24 (J Ruggles & Mrs A Ruggles) D Haydn Jones 8-9*	*S Drowne*	56
411	(7)	0	TRINITY REEF 17 (Hesmonds Stud) J Dunlop 8-9	G Carter	69

BETTING: 11-8 Sadian, 9-2 Mubrik, Zydeco, 6-1 Muhib, 14-1 Trinity Reef, 16-1 Paddy McGoon, 20-1 others

1996: SAD MAD BAD 9-0 J Weaver (7-2) M Johnston 9 ran

FORM FOCUS Mubrik (foaled Mar 8, cost 65,000gns). Half-brother by Lahib, to useful Decorated Hero. Muhib (Apr 30) by Red Ransom. Dam won in *North America. Looks the owner's first string on riding arrangements.* Sadian (Feb 24), by Shirley Heights, closely related to Al Widyan, useful 1m winner. Dam won Prix de Diane. Zydeco 9¾l 6th to Rabi in 7f Newmarket maiden stakes (7f, good to firm)

SADIAN is fancied to make a winning debut

4.00 STELLA ARTOIS CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,684: 5f) (7 runners)

501	(7)	3-21032	CATHEDRAL 30 (D,F) (Kennet Valley Ltd) B Meehan 3-9-1	M Tebbutt	107
502	(5)	2600434	BRAVE EDGE 25 (D,F,G) (Hons. Vale Racing Ptnrs.) R Hannon 6-9-0	Dane O'Neill	106
503	(2)	0205213	DASHING BLUE 26 (D,F,G) (Mrs D Allen) I Balding 4-9-0	L Dettori	[122]
504	(4)	1650-50	BLUE RIDGE 40 (D,F) (S Al Homaizi) V Soane 3-8-12	C Rutter	82
505	(6)	3-00224	*MY MELODY PARKES 6 (D,G) (J Heler) J Berry 4-8-9*	*G Carter*	111
506	(1)	3428010	WILLOW DALE 5 (D,F,S) (M Jackson B'stock Ltd) D Elsworth 4-8-9	DOUBTFUL	—
507	(3)	42	MARY CORNWALLIS 19 (BF) (Mrs C Lilley) G Wragg 3-8-7	M Hills	57

BETTING: 7-4 Dashing Blue, 2-1 Cathedral, 4-1 Brave Edge, 10-1 My Melody Parkes, 14-1 others

1996: LUCKY PARKES 6-9-2 J Carroll (7-1) J Berry 9 ran

FORM FOCUS Cathedral ¾l 2nd to Averti in 5f Goodwood group III stakes (good to firm). *Brave Edge 2½l 4th to Struggler in 5f Deauville listed* stakes (good). Dashing Blue ¾l 3rd to Danehime in 6f Goodwood handicap (good to firm). My Melody Parkes 5¼l 4th to Elnadim in 6f Newmarket listed stakes (good). Mary Cornwallis ½l 2nd to Midyan Call in 6f Newmarket maiden stakes (good to firm)

DASHING BLUE, third in the Stewards' Cup, will find this less competitive

4.30 STELLA DRY CLASSIC HANDICAP
(£3,837: 1m 3f 106yd) (16 runners)

601	(11)	005-205	*BURNING 13 (F) (K Dasmal) W Haggas 5-10-0*	K Fallon	81
602	(2)	6521-00	PROSPERO 16 (G) (Mrs G Scruton) Mrs A Perrett 4-9-8	J Reid	—
603	(1)	4-50	*JASEUR 24 (V) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-9*	*L Dettori*	71
604	(12)	44-6025	SHAHIK 20 (S) (S Hunter) D Haydn Jones 7-9-6	S Drowne	76
605	(8)	00-5422	TWO SOCKS 16 (CD,F) (Mrs S Marks) J King 4-9-5	D Holland	78
606	(4)	3300	ALARMIST 16 (Miss M Sheridan) R Charlton 3-9-4	T Sprake	70
607	(7)	510-004	BANDORE 78 (C,F) (Lady Harrison) D Loder 3-9-4	R Cochrane	75
608	(5)	0-40	*BOLD BUSTER 24 (Robert & Elizabeth Hitchins) I Balding 4-9-2*	M Hills	71
609	(9)	0000043	NEWPORT KNIGHT 24 (CD,F,G) (J Loman) R Akehurst 6-8-12	S Sanders	[82]
610	(16)	6-43035	*NORDIC CREST 17 (Great Danes) P Harris 3-8-11*	*C Lowther (5)*	78
611	(3)	000-	ELHAFID 337 (H al-Maktoum) W Hern 3-8-11	R Hills	—
612	(10)	56-0652	PALAEMON 20 (Miss B Swire) G Balding 3-8-0	*R Price*	83
613	(14)	00-0500	WARREN KNIGHT 20 (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 4-7-12	N Carlisle	66
614	(13)	-002622	PETER PERFECT 29 (Pops Partners) R Curtis 3-7-12	J Lowe	71
615	*(15)*	050022	BELLAGRANA 21 (Conolan Ptnrs) M Fetherston-Godley 3-7-11	R Ffrench (3)	68
616	(6)	563550	SHADED 15 (Sir Clement Freud) S Dow 3-7-10	Martin Dwyer (3)	60

Long handicap. Shaded 7-7

BETTING: 9-2 Newport Knight, 6-1 Two Socks, 8-1 Burning, Nordic Crest, Palaemon, 10-1 Jaseur, 12-1 others.

1996: VERIDIAN 3-8-12 G Hind (9-1) P Harris 10 ran

FORM FOCUS Burning 3¾l 5th to Opera Buff in 1½m Brighton handicap (good to *firm). Two Socks ¾l 2nd to Pennys From Heaven in 1½m Bath* handicap (good) with Prospero (6lb better off) 8l 7th and Alarmist (6lb better off) 9¾l 10th. Newport Knight ¾l 3rd to *Koraloona in 1½m Windsor handicap (good)*. Palaemon 1¾l 2nd to Running Free in 1½m Salisbury handicap (good to soft). Peter Perfect 1¾l 2nd to Banzhaf in 7f Sandown claiming stakes (good to firm). Bellagrana 1l 2nd to Bonanza Peak in 1¼m Bath apprentice maiden handicap (good)

NEWPORT KNIGHT can confirm the promise of his Windsor third

5.00 HP BULMER HANDICAP (All-weather: 3-Y-O: £2,277: 2m) (14 runners)

1	(8)	5602351	ROBBO 13 (B) (G Reed) C Thornton 9-7	*D McKeown*	57
2	(7)	050	REAR WINDOW 51 (V) (M Oberstein) Lord Huntingdon 9-2	M Roberts	40
3	(10)	5200360	SAD MAD BAD 11 (S) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 9-2	W J O'Connor	47
4	(9)	04320	SAN GLAMORE MELODY 54 (BF) (949 Racing) R Ingram 9-1	A McGlone	49
5	(5)	00-4646	GOLDEN MELODY 34 (V) (Amity Finance Ltd) M Heaton-Ellis 8-12	S Sanders	70
6	(3)	5226050	*JUCINDA 13 (Mrs S Watson) J Pearce 8-12*	L Dettori	71
7	(11)	0-3002	SIXTIES MELODY 21 (Mrs J Roon) R Boss 8-10	K Fallon	58
8	(14)	0150134	SIPOWITZ 19 (D,F) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-7	A Whelan (3)	59
9	(2)	0040531	BOLD SAINT 12 (B) (Shining Force) P Harris 8-5	C Lowther (5)	68
10	(13)	0-05121	IL PRINCIPE 8 (E,F,G) (1997 Partnership) John Berry 8-5 (4ex)	D Holland	74
11	(12)	0062003	BEWITCHING LADY 12 (N Cronin) D Arbuthnot 8-4	J Quinn	70
12	(6)	0403021	KEEN WATERS 13 (F) (Mrs K Oseman) Mrs S Williams 8-0	A Polli (5)	[78]
13	(1)	000005	HIPPIOS 39 (J & S Kelly) S Dow 7-12	R Ffrench (3)	61
14	(4)	4006	AEGEAN 9 (B) (Tocobalds Stud) K Ivory 7-10	Martin Dwyer (3)	—

BETTING: 5-1 Il Principe, 6-1 Robbo, 7-1 Sipowitz, Sixties Melody, 8-1 Jucinda, 10-1 others.

1996: *MISCHIEF STAR 9-5 T Quinn (7-1) D Elsworth 11 ran*

FORM FOCUS *Robbo beat Needwood Epic 6l in 1¾m Southwell amateurs* maiden handicap (AW). Jucinda 5¾l 7th to Clash Of Swords in 2m *Catterick maiden handicap (good to firm)*. Sixties Melody sh hd *2nd to Ginger Rogers in 2¼m Bath handicap (good) with Sipowitz (9lb better off) 12l 3rd.* Bold Saint beat Ceanothus neck in 1½m Wolverhampton maiden handicap (AW). *Il Principe beat* Comtec's Legend 1¾l *in 1½m Musselburgh handicap (good to firm)*. Bewitching Lady 7¾l 3rd to Castles Burning in 1½m Brighton handicap (good to firm). Keen Waters beat Haydown 2l in 1½m Brighton selling handicap (good to firm)

BOLD SAINT will be hard to beat if staying this longer trip

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Park: 2.00 *Petaling*, 2.30 *Bogan*, *Moi Canard*, 4.30 *Jaseur*, 5.00 *Aegean*, Rear Window. Musselburgh: 2.20 Seventh Heaven, Shirleys Girl, 3.20 Daintree, 3.50 Great Lyth Lass, On The Mat.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Lingfield Park

TRAINERS: D Loder, 17 winners from 47 *runners*, 36.2%; Mrs M Reveley, 3 from 9, 33.3%; V Soane, 3 from 10, 30.0%; C *Thornton, 4 from 15, 26.7%*; *A Stewart*, 6 from 23, 26.1%

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 88 winners from 359 rides, 24.5%; D Holland, 47 from 203, 23.2%; R Hills, 16 from 78, 20.5%; K Fallon, *8 from 42, 19.0%*; *R Cochrane, 66 from* 381, 17.3%; D McKeown, 20 from 122, 16.4%; *W Ryan, 31 from 194, 16.0%*; J Reid, 24 from 160, 15.0%.

Musselburgh

TRAINERS: M Tompkins, 6 winners *from* 21 runners, 28.6%; R Guest, 4 from 15, 26.7%; Mrs J Ramsden, 5 from 23, 21.7%; J Fitzgerald, 3 from 14, 21.4%; J Berry, 38 from 178, 21.3%.

JOCKEYS: *R Mullen, 3 winners from 11* rides, 27.3%; G Bardwell, 8 from 30, 26.7%; T E Durcan, 3 from 12, 25.0%; J F Egan, 8 from 37, 21.6%; J Weaver, 29 from 135, 21.5%; K Darley, 41 from 193, 21.2%; A *Culhane, 13 from 83, 15.7%*; D Pears, 5 from 37, 13.5%.

Sedgefield

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 61 winners from 230 runners, 26.5%; F Murphy, 3 from 12, 25.0%; *W Storey*, 9 from 46, 19.6%; G M Moore, 20 from 119, 16.8%; B Ellison, 10 from 81, 12.3%. *Only qualifiers.*

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 49 winners from 166 rides, 29.5%; C McCormack, 6 from 22, 27.3%; *S Melrose*, 3 from 11, 27.3%; G Lee, 10 from 49, 20.4%; E Husband, 3 from 15, 20.0%; *J Callaghan, 14 from 98, 14.3%*; M Foster, 4 from 32, 12.5%; R Guest, 5 from 43, 11.6%; A Dobbin, 15 from 136, 11.0%.

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MUSSELBURGH

THUNDERER

2.20 Seventh Heaven. 2.50 Welsh Mill. 3.20 Feel A Line. 3.50 Inchalong. 4.20 Grate Times. 4.50 Chemcast.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.20 SALAMANCA SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,626: 5f) (7 runners)

1	(4)	5241	[illegible] 8 (CD,F,S) [illegible]	J F Egan	76
2	(7)	6606	SEVENTH HEAVEN 19 (B) [illegible]	J Fortune	[78]
3	[illegible]	50	[illegible] LADY 10 [illegible]	J Carroll	62
4	(5)	5324	[illegible] SURE 13 [illegible]	P Fessey (3)	69
5	(3)	5065	[illegible] PRINCESS 15 [illegible]	K Sked (5)	56
6	[illegible]	5204	SANS RIVALE [illegible]	[illegible]	68
7	[illegible]	6000	SHIRLEYS GIRL 22 [illegible]	J Fanning	—

[illegible] Seventh Heaven, 33-1 Shirleys Girl

2.50 ROYAL SCOTS CUP HANDICAP
(£3,591: 1m 6f) (8)

1	(5)	2613	WELSH MILL 42 (D,G,S) Mrs M Reveley [illegible]	K Darley	75
2	(1)	3213	CAMPASPE 15 [illegible]	J Fortune	[80]
3	(6)	1221	CLASSIC BALLET 13 [illegible]	P Roberts (5)	76
4	(3)	2112	URGENT REPLY 15 [illegible]	J Carroll	65
5	[illegible]	252	[illegible]	T Williams	67
6	[illegible]	2115	MISTER ASPECTO 10 [illegible] M Johnston [illegible]	J Weaver	77
7	[illegible]	2500	LORD ADVOCATE 10 (B,C,F,G,S) [illegible]	K Sked (5)	71
8	[illegible]	5530	[illegible]	L Charnock	73

7-2 Classic Ballet, [illegible] Campaspe, 11-2 Mister Aspecto, [illegible] Lord Advocate

3.20 PERTEMPS CALEDONIAN RECRUITMENT HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £2,241: 7f 30yd) (9)

1	[illegible]	032-	LIFE ON THE STREET 255 [illegible]	Alex Greaves	
2	(6)	0452	[illegible] AWAKENING 13 (F) [illegible]	T Siddall (7)	68
3	[illegible]	1541	FEEL A LINE 19 (B,D,F,S) [illegible]	J Carroll	[80]
4	[illegible]	1222	[illegible]	K Darley	73
5	[illegible]	4333	DAINTREE 23 (V) [illegible]	Dale Gibson	64
6	[illegible]	4322	WARRIOR KING 12 [illegible]	J F Egan	73
7	[illegible]	0200	SERETSE'S NEPHEW 11 [illegible]	D Williams (7)	74
8	(2)	00-0	THE DUBIOUS GOOSE 21 [illegible]	L Charnock	—
9	(5)	00-0	FREEDOM OF TROY 44 [illegible]	T Williams	—

[illegible] 9-2 Warrior King, 6-1 Feel A Line, The Dubious Goose, [illegible] Seretse's Nephew, 10-1 Life On The Street, 12-1 others

3.50 STEVE WOOD MEMORIAL NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £2,576: 7f 30yd) (10)

1	(3)	335	BOULEVARD ROUGE 21 [illegible]	J Weaver	59
2	(8)	3425	MAMMA'S BOY 20 [illegible]	T E Durcan (3)	58
3	(4)	520	[illegible] ALLEY 15 [illegible]	Alex Greaves	61
4	[illegible]	5400	GREAT LYTH LASS 40 (V) [illegible]	J F Egan	62
5	(5)	5430	LORD OF LOVE 33 [illegible]	L Charnock	49
6	(9)	6403	INSHALLAH 10 [illegible]	J Carroll	56
7	(2)	4202	[illegible]	K Darley	58
8	(10)	5226	INCHALONG 6 (G) [illegible]	G Bardwell	[63]
9	(6)	6620	ON THE MAT 22 (B) [illegible]	P Fessey (3)	56
10	(7)	0040	BLUE ANCHOR 51 [illegible]	Dale Gibson	58

[illegible] 6-1 Boulevard Rouge, [illegible] Lord Of Love, 7-1 Inchalong, 8-1 Mamma's Boy [illegible]

4.20 FORTH AM CLAIMING LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,705: 1m 4f) (6)

1	(4)	2021	LE GRAND GOUGER 17J (F) [illegible]	D Griffiths (3)	[illegible]
2	(5)	0220	GRATE TIMES 15 (S) [illegible]	J Carroll	[72]
3	(1)	600	LIGHTNING REBEL 15 (BF) [illegible]	J Fanning	60
4	(3)	6356	MONARCH'S PURSUIT 24 [illegible]	J Fortune	48
5	(5)	4523	RIVER OF FORTUNE 8 (BF) [illegible]	R Mullen (5)	76
6	(2)	0000	[illegible] 32 [illegible]	A Culhane	-

5-2 River Of Fortune, [illegible] Le Grand Gouger, [illegible] Monarch's Pursuit, 5-1 Grate Times, 6-1 Lightning Rebel, [illegible]

4.50 PERGODA APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,920: 5f) (17)

1	(11)	6113	CROSS THE BORDER 3 [illegible] (7ex)	P Roberts	68
2	(16)	1145	PIZZICATO [illegible]	D Griffiths	59
3	(5)	4000	CHEMCAST 25 (B,CD,F,S) [illegible]	D Pears	[71]
4	(13)	000	GENERAL SIR PETER 20 (D,F,S) [illegible]	[illegible]	61
5	(2)	0201	BASHFUL BRAVE 24 (D,F) [illegible]	[illegible]	60
6	(7)	4000	PALLIUM 1 (B,CD,F,G) [illegible]	K Sked (3)	61
7	(15)	5600	BOWCLIFFE GRANGE 5 (B,BF,D,F,G) [illegible]	[illegible]	67
8	(3)	3010	DONA FILIPA 5 (CD,F) [illegible]	[illegible]	65
9	(5)	1106	TORONTO 40 (B,CD,F) [illegible]	P Bradley (5)	62
10	(14)	0050	BLAZING IMP 23 (CD,S) [illegible]	J Murphy (7)	64
11	(1)	4050	TINKER'S SURPRISE 17 (D,F) [illegible]	R Mullen	61
12	(6)	1636	SUNSET HARBOUR 52 (D,F,G) [illegible]	[illegible]	65
13	(12)	3200	SOUTHERN DOMINION 13 (B,CD,F) [illegible]	[illegible]	67
14	(4)	2654	IMP EXPRESS 6 (CD,F,G) [illegible]	T E Durcan	64
15	(17)	000-	THE FED 430 (CD,F,S) [illegible]	S Buckley (5)	-
16	(2)	500	[illegible] 6 (B,CD,F,G,S) [illegible]	R Winston (3)	66
17	(10)	0600	SUNDAY MAIL [illegible] (D & S) [illegible]	[illegible]	64

5-1 Cross The Border, 6-1 Bowcliffe Grange, 9-1 Pizzicato, 10-1 Imp Express, 12-1 Sunset Harbour, 16-1 Chemcast, Pallium, Dona Filipa, 20-1 others

SEDGEFIELD

THUNDERER

2.10 Willy Star. 2.40 Persian Mystic. 3.10 Corporal Kirkwood. 3.40 The Toaster. 4.10 Lord Of The Rings. 4.40 Suvalu.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.10 WELCOME TO A NEW SEASON CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,021: 2m 1f) (6 runners)

1	0-P2	BURES 5 (V,D,F,G) Mrs J Brown 6-11-5	Mr A Balding (5)
2	032-	EDEN DANCER 5F (F,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-2	P Niven
3	2211	WILLY STAR 35 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Smith 7-11-2	R Guest
4	605-	NONIOS 110 (F) G M Moore 6-10-13	J Callaghan
5	C0-	PAPERWORK PETE 40F W Storey 5-10-10	M Moloney
6		NEEDLE KNOT 25F F Murphy 4-10-5	Mr P Murphy (7)

7-4 Willy Star, 2-1 Eden Dancer, 7-2 Bures, 8-1 Nonios, 14-1 Needle Knot, 25-1 Paperwork Pete.

2.40 STOCKTON WHOLESALE LTD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,220: 2m 5f 110yd) (7)

1	212-	BALLINDOO 93 (F,G) R Armson 8-12-0	Mr R Armson
2	54-0	RED JAM JAR 26 (CD,F,G) S Bell 12-11-9	K Johnson
3	3522	PERSIAN MYSTIC 17 (G) D Wintle 5-11-5	W Marston
4	545-	SILENT GUEST 113 (F) M Hammond 4-11-5	R Garritty
5	22P	PLATIN 16 (V,G) Mrs E Moscrop 6-11-2	A Thornton
6	4-P6	MAGGIES LAD 16 (F) P Calver 9-10-9	S Wynne
7	13-5	SHELTON ABBEY 83 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Wade 11-10-9	A P McCoy

9-4 Persian Mystic, 11-4 Silent Guest, 4-1 Ballindoo, Shelton Abbey, 10-1 others.

3.10 C. H. ROOFING SERVICES LTD MAIDEN CHASE (£2,687: 2m 5f) (6)

1	P-34	*CORPORAL KIRKWOOD 3 M Todhunter 7-11-5*	P Niven
2	-SFP	KNOCK STAR 3 R Champion 6-11-5	B Powell
3	P6-5	PRINCE BALTASAR 3 N Bycroft 8-11-5	M Foster
4	5PP-	THE ENERGISER 93 D Lamb 11-11-5	J Burke
5	P2-5	TWO FOR ONE 64 (S) Miss L Russell 8-11-5	A Thornton
6	6P-3	WILD BROOK 8 B Ellison 7-11-5	D Parker (3)

6-4 Two For One, 11-4 Corporal Kirkwood, 3-1 Wild Brook, 8-1 Knock Star, 16-1 Prince Baltasar, 20-1 The Energiser

3.40 EBAC LTD HANDICAP CHASE (£3,418: 2m 5f) (5)

1	351-	PATS MINSTREL 167 (C,D,F,G,S) R Champion [illegible]	A Dobbin
2	F-55	CROSS CANNON 76 (CD,F,G,S) [illegible] 11-11-12	B Storey
3	-213	THE TOASTER 15 (CD,F,G,S) Miss M Milligan 10-11-5	Mr C Bonner (7)
4	23P-	OLE OLE 222 (CD,F,S) [illegible] 11-10-5	A P McCoy
5	P60-	ANOTHER RED 457 (CD,F,S) W Raw 9-10-0	G Hogan (3)

6-4 The Toaster, 2-1 Pats Minstrel, 5-2 Cross Cannon, 14-1 Ole Ole, Another Red

4.10 HATHAWAY ROOFING LTD. NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,192: 2m 5f 110yd) (6)

1	00-F	CHIEF OF KHORASSAN 12 S Kettlewell 5-10-12	G Lee (3)
2	64-2	LORD OF THE RINGS 5 F Murphy 5-10-12	A P McCoy
3	32-0	SALKELD KING 76 M Barnes 5-10-12	B Storey
4	P	SIDNEY STREET 32 M Sowersby 4-10-9	D Parker (3)
5	0P-4	HIGH CELLESTE 5 M Todhunter 6-10-7	C McCormack (7)
6	040-	SAUCY NUN 104 P Hiatt 5-10-7	E Husband (3)

7-4 Lord Of The Rings, 2-1 Chief Of Khorassan, 11-4 Salkeld King, 6-1 High Celleste, 14-1 Saucy Nun, 20-1 Sidney Street

4.40 UNION HALL SIENA STUD MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,304: 2m 1f) (9)

1		*BULSARA 23F C Fairhurst 5-11-5*	*J Callaghan*
2	0-43	SUVALU 13F M Meagher 5-11-5	A P McCoy
3	00-	CAULKER 142 M Barnes 4-11-2	A Dobbin
4		TERDAD 56F Mrs M Reveley 4-11-2	P Niven
5	15-P	PETIT FLORA 10F (F) G Holmes 5-11-0	R Garritty
6	0/	SLY LADY 400F T Etherington 5-11-0	A Thornton
7	P-	AMYLOU 348 R Allan 4-10-11	S Melrose (7)
8		MYSTIC TIMES 10F [illegible] 4-10-11	B Storey
9		THORNTOUN JEWEL 24F Miss Z Green 4-10-11	K Johnson

5-4 Terdad, 7-2 Bulsara, 6-1 Suvalu, 8-1 Petit Flora, Sly Lady, 10-1 Mystic Times, 16-1 Caulker, Amylou, 20-1 Thorntoun Jewel

☐ *Mick Fitzgerald failed in his attempt to* **complete a record-equalling sequence of ten consecutive National Hunt winners at Worcester yesterday. General Glow, his only** *mount of the day, finished a well-beaten ninth* **to the Adrian Maguire-ridden Palamon in the Newland Maiden Hurdle.**

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Brighton

Going: good

2.20 (5f 213yd) 1, **Simply Super** [illegible]

2.50 (1m 2f) 1, **Guesstimation** [illegible] Rehaab 7-4 fav [illegible]

3.20 (7f 214yd) 1, **Muara Bay** [illegible]

3.50 (7f) 1, *La Dayenne* [illegible]

4.20 (6f) 1, **Mystical** [illegible]

4.50 (5f 59yd) 1, **Ivory's Grab Hire** [illegible]

Placepot: £157.00. Quadpot: £11.60.

Carlisle

Going: [illegible]

2.10 (1m 4f) 1, **Durgams First** [illegible]

2.40 (7f 214yd) 1, **Ramdeer Guest** [illegible]

3.10 (7f) 1, **Needle Match** [illegible]

3.40 (6f) 1, **Double Oscar** [illegible]

4.10 (5f) 1, **Miss Puci** [illegible]

4.40 (2m 1f 52yd) 1, **Stoned Imaculate** [illegible]

Jackpot: £54,662.60.
Placepot: £18.50. Quadpot: £6.00.

Worcester

Going: good

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, **Palamon** (A Maguire, 11-4); 2, Society Magic [illegible]

2.30 (3m hdle) 1, **Dauphin Bleu** [illegible] 2, Arctic Thunder [illegible]

3.00 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, **Andrelot** (F [illegible]) 3, Who's To Say [illegible] Tote £1.60 [illegible]

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, **Amirage** (A P McCoy, 2-5 fav) [illegible]

4.00 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **Walking Tall** [illegible]

4.30 (2m ch) 1, *Galatasori Jane* (A P McCoy, 8-11 fav); 2, [illegible] 6 ran. [illegible] P Nicholls. Tote [illegible] £2.50. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.15.

5.00 (2m hdle) 1, **Regal Absence** (F Thornton, 2-5 fav) [illegible] 21 ran. [illegible] Tote £1.40; £1.10, £7.10, £11.00. DF: £13.30. Trio: £463.60.

Placepot: £27.80. Quadpot: £11.70

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Options trading and bridge seem to go well together. This hand, played by an American options trader, was reported by Andrew Robson in *The Spectator*.

Dealer North **North-South game** **IMPs**

North:
♠ Q J 8 7
♥ Q J 9 8
♦ Q 10 6
♣ 4 2

West:
♠ A 6 2
♥ 10 6
♦ J 7 5 2
♣ A 10 8 3

East:
♠ K 10 5
♥ 5 4 3 2
♦ 8 3
♣ K 9 7 5

South:
♠ 9 4 3
♥ A K 7
♦ A K 9 4
♣ Q J 6

N / W E / S

Contract: Three No-Trumps by South. *Lead: three of clubs*

South opened One Diamond after two passes, and rebid *Two No-Trumps over North's* One Heart response; North raised to Three No-Trumps. West led the three of clubs to *East's* king. *East continued* with the five of clubs to the queen and ace, and West cleared clubs. Notice that if East-West are not *false-carding, the play to the first* two tricks means the clubs are 4-4: first, West has led his lowest club; second, East has *returned* his lowest club.

To make the contract declarer had to score four tricks in diamonds. (Playing spades *would be too slow* — the defence would make three tricks in clubs and two in spades.) To get some clue to *the distribution*, declarer first cashed the ace and king of hearts. Entry problems meant he could not cash any more hearts, but when West *followed with the six and ten*, declarer decided to play him for a doubleton heart (Robson points out West should play the ten of hearts *from 10 x x* as well as *from* 10 x, but in practice players don't often do that). With four spades West would probably have led a spade in preference to a club, *and so that marked West with* at most three spades. On the supposition he also had only two hearts, that meant he had *to have four diamonds, making* West twice as likely as East to hold the jack of diamonds. So declarer played *a diamond to the ten and* made his contract.

Can you see an improvement, which will negate any heart *falsecards* from West? Declarer should have played the ace of hearts, then a heart to the queen, and a heart back to the king. Although that blocks the suit, he can still enter dummy later with the queen of diamonds to cash the fourth heart. *And it shows up for certain that West has only* two hearts.

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☐ *Robert Sheehan writes on* bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Eight-year-old wins

Junior players shone in the Mind Sports Olympiad last week. Gawain Jones, 9, who earlier this year became the youngest British player ever to beat a *master* in a rated competition, picked up several prizes. Meanwhile, in the following game Murugan Thiruchelvam, 8, *conducted a fine* strategic game, outplaying a strong opponent to force checkmate in a simplified position. Clearly both Gawain and Murugan have bright futures ahead of them.

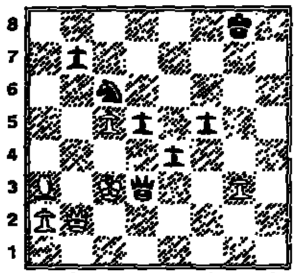
White: Matthew Broomfield
Black: Murugan Thiruchelvam
Mind Sports Olympiad
August 1997

English Opening

1	c4	e5
2	Nc3	Nc6
3	g3	g6
4	Bg2	Bg7
5	d3	Nge7
6	e3	0-0
7	Nge2	d6
8	0-0	Bf5
9	Rb1	Qc8
10	b4	Bh3
11	b5	Bxg2
12	Kxg2	Nd8
13	d4	f5
14	dxe5	dxe5
15	Ba3	Re8
16	f4	Nf7
17	Qb3	e4
18	Rbd1	c6
19	Rd2	Qc7
20	Rfd1	Rad8
21	Nd4	Bxd4
22	Rxd4	Rxd4
23	Rxd4	Rd8
24	c5	Rxd4
25	exd4	Qd7
26	Qc4	Nd5
27	Nxd5	cxd5
28	Qb3	Nd8
29	Kf2	Ne6
30	Ke3	h6
31	h4	g5
32	hxg5	hxg5
33	fxg5	Qd8
34	Kd2	Nxd4
35	Qb2	Qxg5+
36	Kc3	Qe3+
37	Kb4	Qd3
38	Ka4	a6
39	bxa6	Qxa6+
40	Kb4	Nc6+
41	Kc3	Qd3

Checkmate

Diagram of final position



A further success at the Mind Sports Olympiad for juniors was the achievement of Krishnan Chakraborty, 11, who took bronze medal in the chess problem-solving contest, behind grandmaster Stuart Conquest and international master Malcolm Pein (the victim of Gawain Jones in the record breaking game mentioned earlier).

Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in *The Times*, and is *available now from* bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BARD PARTS
HERMIA
a. Posh Spice
b. A goddess
c. A wife

BIANCA
a. Sporty Spice
b. A landlady
c. A washerwoman

PETO
a. A second murderer
b. *A thick crony*
c. A brave captain

PERDITA
a. A Windsor wife
b. A hostess
c. A sensible beauty

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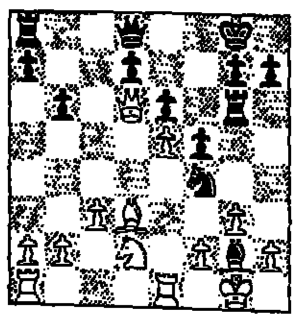
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



Black to play. This position is from the game Krasnov — Averkin, USSR 1969.

Although Black has invaded the white kingside, he needs to introduce his queen into the attack to finish the game off. How did he now achieve this in fine style?

Solution on page 42

FOOTBALL: NINE-GOAL UEFA CUP TIE LEAVES DEFENCES IN TATTERS AND BOTH COACHES BEMUSED

Austrians baffled by Celtic's devilry

By Kevin McCarra

IT MAY be only in sport, with its ability to wrench emotions out of shape, that you will hear a man giggle in despair. A moment or two was required before the realisation dawned that Heinz Peischl, who sat shaking his head and emitting a little laugh, was in distress. He had seen his FC Tirol side beaten 6-3 at Celtic Park and so knocked out of the Uefa Cup on a 7-5 aggregate.

Celtic were the victors on Tuesday, but this was a match that defeated both coaches. Neither Pesichl nor Wim Jansen, his counterpart, could ever have plotted such a course.

The dressing-rooms had surely been filled with their words of caution and with strictures on the importance of meticulous defending. Both sets of players were attempting to obey, but the game had a marvellous, unruly life of its own.

To be in the ground was like spending the night in a house haunted by a poltergeist. There was constant upheaval and the final eight minutes brought that mayhem to a crescendo.

Having taken the field as a substitute a few seconds before, Gernot Krinner scored to ensure Innsbruck were just 4-3 down. With a 2-1 win recorded in Austria, they were on course to advance on the away goals rule.

Some Celtic fans made their despondent calculations and, disgusted with their team, left the ground, but the punishment for a lack of faith was severe.

They had excluded themselves from bliss for, with three minutes remaining, Morten Wieghorst was impish when he could have been forgiven panic and cleverly worked the space that allowed him to jab home a goal. Deep in injury-time, Craig Burley was to score once again.

Some greater prize that a place in the first round of the Uefa Cup would have been fitting, but the winners were right to celebrate as if this was the greatest triumph.

Joy was deserved reward for the anguish they and their followers had encountered. It was a game in the great, delirious tradition of the club.

Eight years ago, Celtic beat Partizan Belgrade 5-4 on a similarly reckless night, but were knocked out of the Cup-Winners' Cup.

Instead of mending its ways and taking up prudence, the club, against Tirol, once more pitched itself into the maelstrom of passion, mistakes and captivating football. Although Jansen can hardly approve, he too was engrossed.

His side were laughably weak in the centre of the defence, but only a pedant could be absorbed by thoughts of that issue.

Tuesday was really a revelation of the value that some unconsidered players may yet possess. Wieghorst, often injured and generally maligned, proved, for example, to be the most influential midfield player in the match.

Henrik Larsson, whose escape clause allowed him to leave Feyenoord for £610,000, over-ran the Innsbruck defence and matched his stamina with artistry. The Swede's strength of mind was impressive too, for it was his unfortunate own goal that had allowed the visitors to draw level at 2-2 just before the interval.

The game did not accord with Jansen's conception of football, but he will still receive credit for the result. As such, his standing with the supporters, after an awkward beginning to his time with Celtic, has improved.

For another Scottish club, Europe will also be perceived as a means of recovering status, even if Kilmarnock hope that they can avoid the histrionics. The Ayrshire club has lost its last two games, to Stirling Albion and Hibernian, by margins, respectively, of 6-2 and 4-0.

Repetition of that type of frailty this evening, against Shelbourne in Dublin, would be ruinous, since Kilmarnock carry forward only a 2-1 lead from the first leg of the Cup-Winners' Cup-tie.

Having returned to European football after an absence of 27 years, however, they will be determined to avoid departing it so swiftly.

Larsson, of Celtic, takes on two defenders in a typically powerful surge from midfield during a famous victory

James catches the eye for resurgent Liverpool

By Our Sports Staff

James: confident

Evans: relieved

DAVID JAMES, the Liverpool goalkeeper, is back to his best. That is the verdict of Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink, the striker denied by James's imperious performance in the FA Carling Premiership defeat of Leeds United at Elland Road on Tuesday.

The player nicknamed Calamity James, because of the errors that led to him being omitted from the England squad and that were blamed for Liverpool losing out in the championship last season, produced an unblemished display to inspire Liverpool to a 2-0 win, with goals by Steve McManaman and Karlheinz Riedle.

Hasselbaink, 25, signed by George Graham for £2 million during the close season, from Boavista, of Portugal, led the applause. "James was out of this world, magnificent. He produced a couple of saves from me that were as good as anything I have ever seen.

"The one when he got down so quick to turn round my close-range shot was the save of his life. I was already celebrating, I couldn't believe he got to it."

James's return to form and Liverpool's high-quality display in winning their first Premiership game of the season left Roy Evans, the manager, a relieved man after the club's worst start to a league programme for 35 years. Hasselbaink said: "If they keep playing like that, they will be championship contenders and, if James keeps playing like that, he will soon forget all the stick he took last season. While I was in Portugal, I saw all the Liverpool games on television. I saw the mistakes he made against Newcastle United and the ones against Manchester United. But he was nothing like he had been in those games. He was confident, assured and very agile."

Evans, too was unreserved in his praise. "David was alive and alert. He's improved over the years, even if he did have a bad spell and was criticised for that. No one denies he did not play well at that time, but he's big enough to take it and, when he's in this form, there is nobody better," he said.

Booth faces month out

By Our Sports Staff

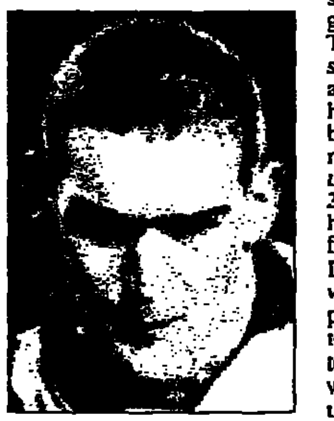
ANDY BOOTH, the Sheffield Wednesday striker, has had a cartilage operation and will be out of action for about a month, adding to the early-season problems of his manager, David Pleat. Wednesday have taken only one point from their first four FA Carling Premiership games and will shortly lose Benito Carbone for a three-match suspension.

Booth, signed for £2.65 million from Huddersfield Town, was Wednesday's top scorer with 13 goals last season, but he damaged a knee in the 1-1 draw with Wimbledon last Saturday. Although he was passed fit to play against Blackburn Rovers on Monday, he had to go off during the first half of the 7-2 defeat.

Carbone can play in the home match against Leicester City on Saturday, but is set to miss the Premiership matches against Liverpool and Coventry City next month, plus a Coca-Cola Cup tie, after being sent off at Ewood Park.

Bolton Wanderers are a step closer to signing the South Africa defender, Mark Fish, after Lazio yesterday belatedly gave the club permission to press ahead with the £2 million deal. Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, made an abortive attempt to sign the 23-year-old early in the close season and has been competing with several other European clubs in the race for his signature. Bolton are now waiting for a Home Office work permit.

Brighton hope to get the green light today to switch this season's remaining home games to Millwall's New Den. The homeless club began the season playing their matches at Priestfield Stadium, the home ground of Gillingham, but the 150-mile round trip has meant that few fans have travelled and only around 2,300 attended the opening home game against Macclesfield Town. The Football League's board of directors will give a final decision on the plan today, with consent likely to be given. However, Brighton have a legal agreement with Gillingham that will cost them £300,000 if the switch goes ahead.



Booth: cartilage operation

Kinkladze adds to City woe

By Our Sports Staff

THE injury sustained by Georgi Kinkladze as Manchester City tumbled out of the Coca-Cola Cup on Tuesday night could have implications for England and Italy, as well as the Maine Road club.

The Georgia midfield player was taken off on a stretcher during the defeat by Blackpool and Roy Bailey, the City physiotherapist, yesterday had mixed news. "Georgi has had an X-ray on his injured left ankle and, thankfully, there is no fracture," Bailey said, "but it is still badly swollen and bruised."

Kinkladze could be out of action for up to a month, which would be a blow, not only to City, but to England supporters hoping that the former Dynamo Tbilisi player would work his magic against Italy in a World Cup qualifying group two match in Tbilisi on September 10.

The Georgian is virtually certain to miss the Nationwide League first division match away to Charlton Athletic on Saturday, which could deepen Manchester City's plight after a poor start to the season that had yielded just two points before their embarrassing Coca-Cola Cup exit.

Steve Banks was the central figure in Blackpool's surprise victory, standing up to a Manchester City onslaught in the second half and then excelling in the shoot-out. A former West Ham apprentice, Banks joined Blackpool from Gillingham for £60,000 two years ago. He denied City for 88 minutes on Tuesday, only for Kevin Horlock to cancel out Andy Preece's first-leg goal and send the tie into extra time.

That is when Banks really came to the fore, producing a string of outstanding saves. In the shoot-out, his save from Horlock's spot kick turned the tide and City were sunk when Lee Bradbury blazed wide, allowing Micky Mellon to clinch victory.

"I don't care who we get in the next round now," Banks said yesterday. "If it's a big team, then it will be good for the club. If it's not, we will have a better chance of going through. We'll play anyone."

Kinkladze: Georgia doubt

Cwmbran borrow money to play cup tie

By Our Sports Staff

CWMBRAN Town, the League of Wales club, have been forced to accept a five-figure loan to enable them to fulfil their European Cup Winners' Cup preliminary round second leg match against Nacional Bucharest in Romania tomorrow night.

Cwmbran, beaten 5-2 in the first leg on their own ground two weeks ago, took less than £3,000 on the gate and now face the prospect of paying around £15,000 in travelling and accommodation expenses for the return. They had been hoping to boost their revenue through television rights and the subsequent increase in sponsorship and advertising, but those hopes ended when BBC Wales decided not to screen the match.

Although they will receive £30,000 from Uefa, European football's governing body, for taking part in the competition, Cwmbran will have to wait until next summer for that cash to filter through.

"We had hoped to make enough money from the home leg to cover our costs for the match in Romania — but we didn't," John Colley, the Cwmbran chairman, who confirmed the club had accepted a loan, said. "We have borrowed money, but I cannot say from whom because of reasons of confidentiality."

Cwmbran's financial plight prompted rumours that the club would have to cut its playing staff to make ends meet, but Tony Willcox, the manager, has denied this. Beaten 1-0 by Rhyl in a League of Wales match last weekend, Cwmbran hope to be at full strength in Bucharest, although they face a near impossible task to save the tie.

Wales are to invite England to play a World Cup warm-up match before next year's finals in France. The countries have not met since the end of the British Championship 13 years ago, Wales winning the last match at Wrexham 1-0 with a goal from Mark Hughes.

"We are negotiating a number of options for friendly fixtures," David Collins, secretary-general of the Football Association of Wales, said. "We would always like a game with England, home or away. It could be that it is something they are interested in before the World Cup finals.

"The difficulty is that those nations in with a chance of getting to France next year are obviously not looking beyond the finals at the moment. That applies especially to those likely to finish second in their group and who would then be involved in play-offs in November and December. England don't know yet whether they are going to win their group, so it is difficult for them to consider other fixtures."

Wales also hope to arrange a match with Scotland.

Players back down on strike in Spain

THE Spanish Soccer Players' Association (AFE) yesterday announced that it had called off the strike that it had planned for next week. The decision followed a meeting in Madrid between the AFE, the Professional Soccer League, the Spanish Soccer Federation and government officials.

Further negotiations will be held to try to resolve the dispute between the players and their clubs over the number of non-European Union players allowed in each team. There are 193 non-EU players in the top two divisions of Spanish soccer.

The AFE says it is concerned about the influx of South American and Eastern European players. The Brazilians, Romário, Sonny Anderson, Rivaldo, Juninho and Giovanni, are among the leading players in Spain.

The announcement means that the Spanish season will begin, as scheduled, this weekend. Talks between the various parties will take place on September 18. Until now, Spanish clubs, allowed to use an unlimited number of EU players under the Bosman ruling, have also been able to sign up to six players from outside the EU bloc and field as many as four.

EUROPEAN CUP: Preliminary round, second leg: Spartak Moscow (Russ) 0 Kosice (Slovakia) 0 (Kosice win 2-1 on agg); Mozyr (Bela) 2 Olympiakos (Gr) 2 (Olympiakos win 7-2 on agg).

Tuesday's late results

UEFA CUP: *Second qualifying round, second leg:* Celtic 6 FC Tirol Innsbruck 3 (Celtic win 7-5 on agg); Dundee United 1 Trabzonspor 1 (Trabzonspor win 2-1 on agg); Boby Brno (Cz) 2 Rapid Vienna (Austria) 0 (Rapid Vienna win 6-3 on agg); Lilleström (Nor) 1 Dynamo Minsk (Bela) 0 (Lilleström win 3-0 on agg); Spartak Trnava (Slovakia) 0 PAOK Salonica (Gr) 1 (PAOK win 6-3 on agg); Hapoel Petah Tikva (Isr) 1 Vejle (Den) 0 (Hapoel win 1-0 on agg); Aarhus (Den) 3 Ujpest (Hun) 2 (Aarhus win 3-2 on agg); Viking Stavanger (Nor) 2 Neuchâtel Xamax (Switz) 1 (Neuchâtel win 4-2 on agg); SK Brann (Nor) 2 Grasshopper Zurich (Switz) 0 (Grasshopper Zurich win 3-2 on agg); Malmö (Swe) 0 Hajduk Split (Cro) 2 (Split win 5-2 on agg); Orebro (Swe) 0 Jablonec (Cz) 0 (1-1 on agg; Orebro win on away goals); FC Bruges (Bel) 3 HIT Gorica (Slovenia) 0 (FC Bruges win 8-3 on agg); Mouscron (Bel) 3 Apollon Limassol (Cyp) 0 (Mouscron win 3-0 on agg); Ferencvaros (Hun) 0 Helsingborgs (Swe) 1 (1-1 on agg; Ferencvaros win 4-3 on pens); OFI Crete (Gr) 3 Reykjavik (Ice) 1 (OFI win 3-0 on agg).

INTERTOTO CUP: Final round, second legs: Lyons (Fr) 3 Montpellier (Fr) 2 (Lyons win 4-2 on agg); Auxerre (Fr) 2 MSV Duisburg (Ger) 0 (Auxerre win 2-0 on agg); Bastia (Fr) 1 Halmstads (Swe) 1 (aet; Bastia win 2-1 on agg).

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Leeds 0 Liverpool 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn	4	3	1	0	13	3	10
Arsenal	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Man United	3	2	1	0	3	0	7
Leicester	3	2	1	0	3	1	7
C Palace	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
Newcastle	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
West Ham	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Liverpool	4	1	2	1	5	4	5
Bolton	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Coventry	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
Leeds	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
Chelsea	2	1	0	1	8	3	3
Everton	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Tottenham	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
Barnsley	3	1	0	2	2	8	3
Wimbledon	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Sheff Wed	4	0	1	3	5	13	1
Derby	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
Soton	3	0	0	3	1	5	0
A Villa	3	0	0	3	0	6	0

COCA-COLA CUP: *First round, second leg:* Barnet 3 Norwich 1 (Barnet win 4-3 on agg); Birmingham 3 Gillingham 0 (Birmingham win 4-0 on agg); Bradford 1 Huddersfield 1 (Huddersfield win 3-2 on agg); Bristol Rovers 1 Bristol City 2 (aet; 1-1 after 90min; Bristol City win 2-1 on agg); Burnley 2 Lincoln 1 (Burnley win 3-2 on agg); Bury 3 Crewe 3 (aet; 2-3 after 90min; Bury win 6-5 on agg); Carlisle 3 Chester 0 (Carlisle win 5-1 on agg); Chesterfield 1 Wigan 0 (Chesterfield win 3-1 on agg); Exeter 0 Walsall 1 (Walsall win 3-0 on agg); Fulham 4 Wycombe 4 (Fulham win 6-5 on agg); Grimsby 5 Oldham 0 (Grimsby win 5-1 on agg); Hartlepool 2 Tranmere 1 (Tranmere win 4-3 on agg); Hull 2 Macclesfield 1 (aet; 1-1 after 90min; Hull win 2-1 on agg); Ipswich 3 Charlton 1 (Ipswich win 4-1 on agg); Leyton Orient 3 Brighton 1 (Leyton Orient win 4-2 on agg); Luton 1 Colchester 1 (Luton win 2-1 on agg); Manchester City 1 Blackpool 0 (aet; 1-1 on agg; Blackpool win 4-2 on pens); (Agg 1-1); Notts County 2 Darlington 1 (aet; 1-1 after 90min; Notts County win 3-2 on agg); Plymouth 3 Oxford United 5 (Oxford United win 7-3 on agg); Portsmouth 1 Peterborough 2 (Peterborough win 4-3 on agg); 4); Preston 2 Rotherham 0 (Preston win 5-1 on agg); Scunthorpe 2 Scarborough 1 (Scunthorpe win 4-1 on agg); Sheffield United 3 Wrexham 1 (Sheffield United win 4-2 on agg); Shrewsbury 3 Brentford 5 (Brentford win 8-4 on agg); Southend 3 Cardiff 1 (Southend win 4-2 on agg); Stockport 6 Mansfield 3 (Stockport win 8-7 on agg); Swansea 1 Reading 1 (Reading win 3-1 on agg); Torquay 1 Bournemouth 1 (aet; 0-1 after 90min; Torquay win 2-1 on agg); Watford 1 Swindon 1 (Watford win 3-1 on agg); York 1 Port Vale 1 (York win 3-2 on agg).

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Ayr 0 Clydebank 1 (aet); Berwick 1 Airdrie 4; Brechin 2 Livingston 1; Falkirk 3 Forfar 1; Hamilton 2 East Fife 1; Queen of South 2 Stirling 0; Raith 0 Stranraer 1; Ross County 1 Greenock Morton 2.

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Southern division: Newport (IoW) 1 Waterlooville 0.

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Boreham Wood 5 Basingstoke 0; Chesham 3 Carshalton 0; Dulwich 3 Bromley 3; Hendon 0 Hitchin 2; Kingstonian 0 Enfield 0; Oxford City 2 Harrow 4; Sutton United 2 Bishop's Stortford 4; Walton and Hersham 1 Heybridge Swifts 0; Yeading 0 St Albans 2. First division: Aldershot Town 2 Hampton 0; Billericay 1 Leyton Pennant 2; Maidenhead 0 Grays 1; Whyteleafe 4 Chertsey 1; Wokingham 2 Worthing 1. Guardian Insurance Cup: Preliminary round: Aveley 3 Epsom and Ewell 0; Bedford Town 1 Windsor and Eton 0; Camberley 1 Witham 0; Corinthian Casuals 2 Wingate and Finchley 2; East Thurrock 2 Ford 4; Egham 2 Braintree 4; Flackwell Heath 1 Lewes 2; Hemel Hempstead 4 Kingsbury 2; Hertford 1 Clapton 1; Horsham 2 Harlow 4; Hungerford 2 Northwood 1; Leatherhead 0 Canvey Island 1; Met Police 2 Barking 1; Southall 1 Hornchurch 2; Tilbury 2 Chalfont St Peter 1; Tooting and Mitcham 5 Dorking 2; Wealdstone 2 Edgware 1; Wembley 2 Leighton 1; Wivenhoe 3 Banstead 0.

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Derby 1 Blackburn 3.

GILBERT LEAGUE OF WALES: Connah's Quay 2 Conwy 2.

WILKINSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP: Quarter-finals: Glentoran 3 Institute 2; Portadown 2 Chimney Corner 1.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Thamesmead 1 Corinthian 1.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Horsham YMCA 1 Wick 2; Pagham 2 Littlehampton 2; Portfield 1 Selsey 1.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: David Lloyd AFC 4 Handrahan Timbers 3; GPT (Coventry) 2 Kenilworth 0; Southam 3 Coventry Sphinx 0.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton Collieries 1 Glossop North End 1; Chadderton 1 Clitheroe 0; Darwen 0 Holker Old Boys 2; Kidsgrove 3 Atherton LR 2; Maine Road 1 Newcastle Town 4; Rossendale 1 Haslingden 1. Postponed: Nantwich v Salford.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 0 Glasshoughton Welfare 0; Eccleshill 3 Arnold 1.

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 5 Elmore 1; Bridgwater 5 Bridport 0; Calne 0 Brislington 0; Chard 1 Paulton 1; Mangotsfield 4 Odd Down 0; Westbury 2 Chippenham 2.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: *Premier division:* Bury Town 0 Histon 3; Clacton 0 Sudbury 7; Diss 1 Great Yarmouth 0; Fakenham 0 Wroxham 0; Gorleston 9 Watton 1; Harwich and Parkeston 1 Halstead 2; Newmarket 1 Ely 1; Sudbury Wanderers 5 Stowmarket 1; Tiptree 0 Felixstowe Port and 2; Woodbridge 2 Lowestoft 3.

FA YOUTH CUP: Preliminary round: Doncaster 4 Ashton United 0; Curzon Ashton 0 Rochdale 9; Farnborough 0 Sittingbourne 8. Preliminary round replay: Denaby 8 Halifax 0.

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SQUASH

Heath wins in style by resisting notorious old seducer

From Colin McQuillan in Hong Kong

MARTIN Heath, of Scotland, who last weekend successfully defended his Singapore Open title, yesterday began in similar fashion in Hong Kong with a straight-games victory over Simon Parke, the No 5 seed, in the first round of the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Open.

After the clear superiority of Peter Nicol in the opening first-round session on Tuesday, it was a result that suggests Scotland might be dominating a third successive tournament on the PSA World Tour after Nicol's win in the Al Ahram International and Heath's in Singapore.

"His confidence was strong," Parke acknowledged of Heath, 24. For his part, Parke wanted a good start to the new tour after recovering from a brush with testicular cancer last year. "You could call me disappointed."

Heath was more pleased with the style of his first win over the world No 5 and England No 2 than with the substance. "That was a really good performance for me," he said. "I have never played that well on this Hong Kong court, which this year seemed exceptionally cold after the hot courts in Singapore. I never want to get into a running game with Simon, but I had to resist going for shots too much in case I blew what was obviously an opportunity."

The court, which has glass on three sides, at the Hong Kong squash centre is a notorious seducer of shotmakers. Earlier in the day, the No 3 seed and defending Hong Kong champion, Rodney Eyles, of Australia, came from behind to beat Graham Ryding only because the young Canadian became too excited to clinch his winning opportunities.

Chris Walker, the No 7 seed and England No 1, could find no such route out from under the pressure imposed upon him by Paul Johnson, of Kent, a man ranked 15 places behind him.

Derek Ryan, the experienced Irish champion, went down 13-15 in the fifth game of a two-hour marathon with Nick Taylor, a qualifier with whom he trains in Manchester. Julian Bonetat, the French champion, lost tetchily to Stephen Meads, of Berkshire. The notoriously bad-tempered Australian, Anthony Hill, went almost with a whimper to the strongest and most rhythmic performance yet from Peter Marshall, the Nottingham double-hander.

CYCLING

First gold goes to Australia

By Peter Bryan

SHANE KELLY, appropriately for the host nation, took the first gold medal of the world track championships in Perth, Australia, yesterday, when he won his third consecutive one kilometre time-trial title. He has made the event his speciality and holds the world record with a time of 1min 0.613sec, set at altitude in Bogata two years ago.

His was an inspired performance on the 250-metre indoor wooden track. Kelly, with the pressure on him as champion, was the last man to start, chasing a time of 1min 3.397sec, set by Soren Lansberg, of Germany.

Kelly's final lap, when he pulled out unexpected reserves, took him to victory by 0.241sec from the silver medal winner of last year.

In the other final on the opening day, the keirin, Frederic Magne, of France, made a swift opportunist move with one lap to go and finished unchallenged.

Peter Jacques, the British champion, lost control and fell heavily when trying to avoid a dangerous manoeuvre by a Spanish rider. Jacques lay at the side of the track for several minutes while splinters were removed from his left thigh.

Rob Hayles, of Britain, the national 4,000 metres pursuit champion, failed to qualify for the quarter-finals, recording 4min 35.323sec, six seconds slower than his best. The fastest rider for the semi-finals today is Philippe Ermenault, of France. The Olympic champion, Andrea Collinelli, of Italy, also reached the last four.

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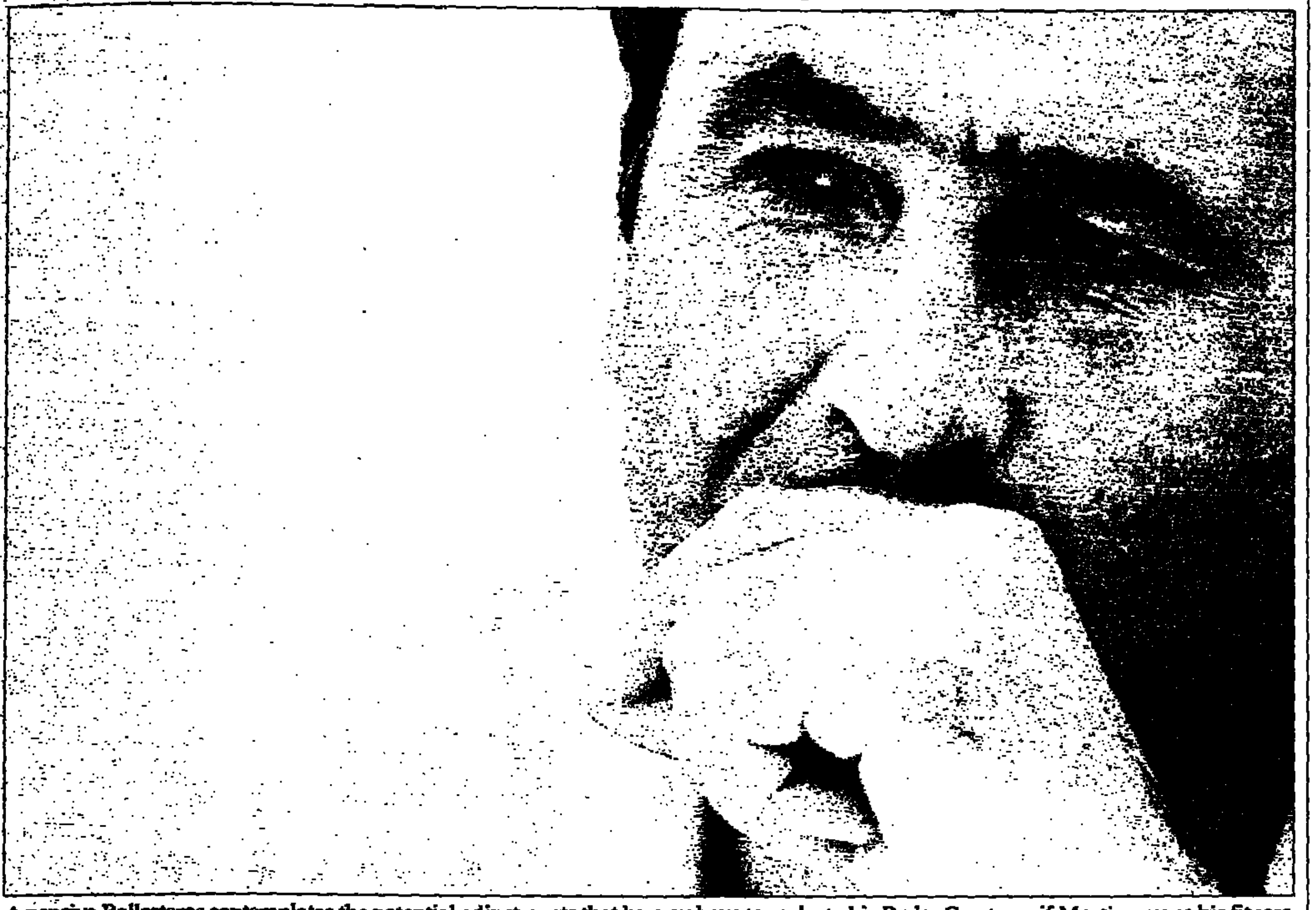
GOLF: BALLESTEROS MAY HAVE TO DELAY CONFIRMATION OF WILD-CARD SELECTIONS UNTIL NEXT WEEK

Martin adds to Ryder Cup confusion

From John Hopkins
Golf Correspondent
in Munich



A pensive Ballesteros contemplates the potential adjustments that he may have to make to his Ryder Cup team if Martin proves his fitness

WE HAD thought that the selection of the Europe Ryder Cup team was going to be straightforward. Severiano Ballesteros, no less, beaming with self-confidence, said as much in Dublin last week. "It is not a dilemma," Ballesteros said. "It is very easy." If he had said: "Believe me," he could not have been more convincing. He is the captain, after all. He should know.

It transpires that Ballesteros did not know. The selection of his team to play the United States at Valderrama, Spain, on September 26 to 28 is more complicated than he had thought seven days ago. As a result, there may not be much of an announcement on Sunday evening, when it was anticipated that Ballesteros would name the two men that he had selected to join the ten who had qualified as of right.

That the situation has changed is because of confusion concerning Miguel Angel Martin, the Spaniard who injured his right wrist a week before the Open Championship and has been out of golf since. *He is tenth in the Ryder Cup points table. One week ago, Ballesteros said: "It is a pity what happened [to Martin] because he was very much on the team, but unfortunately he injured himself and ruined his hopes for the year. I spoke to him and even if he made the team, and I don't think he will, he will not be able to play because he cannot play."*

The thinking then was that Martin would withdraw from the team this week and the man who was at eleventh in the table would therefore move up a place. As José Maria Olazábal reached the eleventh position by playing so well in Ireland last week, where he finished third, the Europe Ryder Cup team was shaping up nicely. With Olazábal in the team, that would have left Ballesteros free to pick Nick Faldo and Jesper Parnevik. This scenario reduced some of the anxieties that Faldo has had recently and, in the Midlands yesterday, he was talking confidently about what would be his eleventh Ryder Cup.

He spoke too soon, however, because at about the same time, Ballesteros was revealing, on the eve of the BMW International Open here, that Martin has not said that he will withdraw from the Ryder Cup team this week. "He is out of hospital and had the plaster taken off his wrist on Monday," Ballesteros said. "Martin has a chance to be on the team."

Ballesteros said that if Martin remained tenth in the table after the tournament this week, then he would be given a week in which to prove his fitness. In that case, on Sunday evening Ballesteros will only know the names of the nine men ahead of Martin who have qualified for the team and will not be able to announce his two selections.

"Martin says he is fine and may be able to hit a ball in the next week," Ballesteros said. "I have spoken to him four times lately, most recently last night. I have been calling Martin more than I have been calling my wife. Maybe he will be able to tell us something tomorrow."

Meanwhile, there are many possibilities as to the composition of the rest of the team, although Colin Montgomerie, Darren Clarke, Bernhard Langer, Ian Woosnam, Per-Ulrik Johansson and Lee Westwood are certainties.

For men like Padraig Harrington (twelfth), Paul Broadhurst (thirteenth), Joakim Haeggman (fourteenth) and Roger Chapman (fifteenth), the week is filled with pressure. Any of them could do enough over the next four days to make the Europe team, while Thomas Bjorn, eighth at present, could be pushed out.

"I am already there," Bjorn said. "They have to do it. If they are good enough to catch me, there is nothing I can do about that. All I can do is to try to play well and see what happens."

"It does get to you," Chapman admitted yesterday. He hopes his week will have a happier end than beginning, when he drove his car off the road. "I shall be glad when the week is over and we can all play normal golf again. Friends say 'You're nearly there, you can make it'. There has been so much hype. I am fed up with it all. It would be nice to get out on the golf course."

Faldo offers experience allied to belief in victory

Faldo: kept in suspense

Mel Webb listens as former Open champion pledges total commitment

All that was missing was the rosette and the battle bus. Nick Faldo was in lobbying mood yesterday as he put forward his manifesto for election to the Europe Ryder Cup team. The way he told it, he should make it by a landslide when the all-important vote is cast.

There was no noisy rhetoric, no undignified climbing on soapboxes by Faldo, but there was no mistaking the plea that he was sending to Severiano Ballesteros, the Europe captain, concerning his two wild-card selections for the match at Valderrama next month. Faldo did not spell it out in so many words, but only a minimum of reading between lines was needed to get the message.

"Pick me, Seve," Faldo was saying, "and I will give you the sort of experience that nobody else in your team will have, known pedigree and, last but not least, a no-holds-barred commitment to the cause of the team."

Faldo's first two points could almost be taken as read. He has played in ten Ryder Cup matches, more than the first ten players in the American team have between them. Nobody needs reminding that he is probably the greatest golfer in the history of the British game, either. No, it was the last point that came as something of a small surprise.

In past matches, Faldo has sometimes appeared to be what he is when fighting his own wars — a man with a blinkered vision. If there has been a small quibble, it is that that single-mindedness has not, perhaps, always been translated into team terms.

But this is a new Faldo. "I've learnt from the last two matches that the seasoned guys have a valuable role to play in the team room," he said. "The seasoned players owe it to the rookies to help them along. There are so many things to think about: opening ceremonies, tactics, what to expect in general. It's a lot to take on board. The younger players in the team are not likely to be too relaxed when they go on the tee.

"It's our job, somehow, to help them to play their best, to elevate their games to a level that they've never reached before. Experience is the key thing in that situation. That's my trump card."

Two things emerged as clear as day during the 45-minute audience with Faldo: first, he wants to play in the match with an enthusiasm that borders on desperation and, second, he is not even now totally confident that he will get the nod from Ballesteros, a man for whom the word "enigma" might have been invented. Hence the setting out of a CV with which it is virtually impossible to argue. There is no doubting, either, that Faldo relishes the thought of playing under Ballesteros's stewardship.

"Seve has fantastic enthusiasm and great passion for the Ryder Cup," he said. "When you see an event bringing a man to tears just talking about it, you know he cares about it.

"It means a lot to him, and it means a lot to the rest of us, as well. We all know his passion for it, but the important thing is not to let it get in our way outside the locker room. We know we're underdogs again and we know the Americans are hot at the moment, but we can win this thing." He might have said but did not, it might be that little bit easier if I'm around to help.

EQUESTRIANISM

Britain pick Smith for his proven pedigree

From Jenny MacArthur
in Mannheim, Germany

ROBERT SMITH, son of the former leading showjumper, Harvey Smith, will make his debut in the senior Great Britain team after being named yesterday as one of the four riders who will contest the European showjumping championships, which begin today.

In what Michael Bullman, the chairman of selectors, described as a hard decision, Smith was selected ahead of Di Lampard, on Abbervail Dream, to join John and Michael Whitaker and Geoff Billington. Bullman and Malcolm Pyrah, the two selectors here, took the decision after watching all five compete satisfactorily in the warm-up class yesterday.

"They were all in with a shout up to the last minute," Bullman said. *"Di and Robert have both shown consistent form this season — and there's no saying that Di wouldn't do just as well as any of the others in the team — but we decided that, with Robert's record this season, it would be impossible to leave him out."*

Smith, 36, last rode in a championship event in 1977, when he helped to win the team gold medal at the junior European championships. Since then, he has lacked the horses to match his horsemanship.

Tees Hanauer, who was 14 when he arrived in Smith's yard, was not supposed to be a championship prospect, but the old warrior decided otherwise. Improving with each year, his numerous successes with Smith include the Dublin Grand Prix two weeks ago, — a win that has elevated the 17-year-old gelding to the position of second-highest money-winner of the season.

With John Whitaker's Virtual Village Welham also aged 17, no one could accuse the selectors of taking risks this week. Whitaker will go in his usual fourth spot in the team for the opening speed leg today. Billington, on It's Otto, goes first, Michael Whitaker second, with Ashley, and Smith third.

Billington's position is intended to take the pressure off his excitable Dutch-bred gelding. "It's Otto has had a bit of a sticky time recently," Ronnie Massarella, the team manager, said in a reference to Billington's fall in the Dublin Nations Cup earlier this month.

Massarella, who is confident that Britain can win here, considers Germany, the world and Olympic champions, to be the main threat, with the Dutch and Swiss close behind.

SAILING

Early blow to British America's Cup hopes

By Edward Gorman
Sailing Correspondent

THE chances of a British challenge for the America's Cup in New Zealand in 2000 appear to have suffered a setback with the resignation of one of the key members of the syndicate looking for a multi-million pound sponsorship package, under the auspices of the Royal Dorset Yacht Club.

Chris Witty, who was acting as commercial director for the syndicate led by Angus Melrose, the veteran America's Cup campaigner, and which includes, among others, Lawrie Smith, is believed to have tendered his resignation after differences arose between him, Melrose and Smith about the way in which the campaign was developing.

Witty has spent much of the past year *trying to generate interest from British companies in an attempt to find a sponsorship package worth in excess of £15 million. Yesterday, he said: "I had a problem* with going back to companies and asking them to get involved with the way the project is at the moment. I had reservations about the way forward and have decided to adopt a lower profile."

It is believed that some companies, including Mark McCormack's International Management Group, have been tempted by a tilt at international sailing's biggest prize and at least one has considered putting up more than £7 million towards a first British campaign since the mid-1980s. However, Witty is thought to have been unhappy at the way that the syndicate was structured and found it difficult to sell the project to potential sponsors. Despite his resignation, he will remain part of the broad group backing the syndicate.

Witty's departure comes perilously close to the next big financial commitment required of all the 18 putative syndicates planning to build boats for 2000. *On October 1, each must pay a so-called performance bond of $250,000 or be excluded from further participation in the Cup. So far, the Royal Dorset syndicate has already spent $100,000 on the entry fee and this is its biggest test yet.*

Bill Simmonds, the commodore of the Weymouth-based club, which is being used by the syndicate very much as a sleeping partner, said he was still convinced that the campaign was on track. "The likelihood is, yes, the performance bond will be paid, providing there are no other hiccups between now and then," Simmonds said.

Tendulkar retains India captaincy

SACHIN TENDULKAR, the India cricket captain, retained his job yesterday and was asked to lead the team against Pakistan for a five-match one-day series in Canada next month. Jayant Lele, acting chief of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, said that Tendulkar had also been invited to attend the board's team selection meeting in Bombay.

Tendulkar complained last month of being "stuck with B-grade players" after the India selectors dropped Vinod Kambli and Nayan Mongia. He is still looking for his first series win abroad after a year as captain.

Longland breaks record

CYCLING: Glenn Longland, the former national all-rounder time-trial champion, yesterday broke the London to York record by more than 11 minutes, covering the route in 7hr 29min 48sec, despite losing an estimated five minutes when he went off course.

Scotland give six caps

BOWLS: Scotland have named six new caps for the junior home internationals next month. They are: Ricky Taylor, of Bellahouston, Richard Thomson, of Beechgrove, Michael Arnott, of Stranraer, Graham Chambers, of Woodlands, Alex Kelly, of Udston, and Michael Durward, of Banchory.

Injury rules out Haigh

RUGBY LEAGUE: Andy Haigh, 21, the St Helens utility back, will be out for three weeks because of a knee injury. Bobbie Goulding, who was sent off against Leeds, will be clear to play against Paris Saint-Germain on Sunday because his case will not be heard until next week.

Allison flies to the lead

GLIDING: David Allison, 22, who finished fourth in the European championships in Germany, is leading the national junior championships at Bidford-on-Avon. Peter Masson, also 22, is in second place. Unsuitable weather conditions caused flying to be cancelled yesterday.

Juul heads strong field

GOLF: Karen Juul, of Denmark, winner of the British amateur strokeplay championship last week, heads a strong field in the European women's international tournament, which starts today, at Formby, in Lancashire. Elaine Ratcliffe, the Curtis Cup player, from Cheshire, is also in the field.

BOWLS

Nutman in victory for youth

By David Rhys Jones

SHAUN NUTMAN, 20, became one of the youngest winners of a national bowls championship when he partnered his Dorchester clubmate, Adam Tidby to the English pairs titles at Worthing yesterday.

Nutman, a postman, said his job makes it easy for him to play bowls. "I finish at lunchtime every day and practice in the afternoons," he said, after he and Tidby defeated Bryan Taylor, 27, and Tony Kempster, 31, of Gosforth, 19-14, in the final.

Tidby, 33, who says his victory in the national triples championship 11 years ago, when he was a member of the Poole Park Club, *is now just a distant memory, sometimes* seemed suspect in defence; he was inclined to leave vulnerable positions unprotected.

In the semi-final, against Nigel Cordy and Dale Wilson, of Cleethorpes, for example, Dorchester dropped a five and could have been beaten if Wilson had picked up the jack on the last end.

In the final, Nutman and Tidby trailed 5-9 after six ends, but strung together a six-end sequence to lead 12-9 by the twelfth, when a treble from Gosforth levelled the scores at 12-12. From then on, it was all Dorchester, though shots were hard to come by, and they had to settle for five singles and a two against a Gosforth single.

That was enough to give the Dorchester duo a six-shot lead as they went into the last end. They played it tight, matching their opponents' bowls, so that the prospect of a big count never arose.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BERLIN: IAAF Grand Prix meeting: Men: 100m: 1, F Fredericks (Nam) 9.99sec, 2, D Bailey (Can) 10.05, 3, T Montgomery (US) 10.06. **200m:** 1, J Drummond (US) 20.07, 2, G Panayiotopoulos (Gr) 20.38, 3, T Douglas (Bermuda) 20.42. **400m:** 1, I Thomas (GB) 44.90, 2, M Richardson (GB) 45.30, 3, R Black (GB) 45.58. **Mile:** 1, H El Guerrouj (Mor) 3min 45.64sec, 2, D Komen (Ken) 3:46.38, 3, V Niyongabo (Bur) 3:46.70. **5,000m:** 1, H Gebrselassie (Eth) 12:55.14, 2, P Koech (Ken) 12:56.59, 3, T Nyariki (Ken) 12:58.95. **110m hurdles:** 1, M Crear (US) 13.11sec, 2, A Jarrett (GB) 13.35, 3, C Jackson (GB) 13.36. **Pole vault:** 1, S Bubka (Ukr) 5.96m, 2, M Tarasov (Russ) 5.90, 3, L Johnson (US) 5.90. **Javelin:** 1, B Henry (Ger) 86.04m, 2, S Backley (GB) 84.18, 3, T Pukstys (US) 83.48, 6, M Hill (GB) 82.02. **Discus:** 1, V Alekna (Lith) 67.60m, 2, L Riedel (Ger) 67.46, 3, A Setliff (US) 65.00. **Women: 100m:** 1, M Jones (US) 10.81sec, 2, M Ottey (Jam) 10.95, 3, G Devers (US) 10.88. **400m:** 1, S Richards (Jam) 49.87, 2, G Breuer (Ger) 50.32, 3, C Opara (Nigeria) 50.43, 8, D Fraser (GB) 52.59. **800m:** 1, M Mutola (Moz) 1min 56.93sec, 2, A F Quirot (Cuba) 1:57.56, 3, H Afanaseva (Russ) 1:58.55. **5,000m:** 1, G Szabo (Rom) 14:44.35, 2, L Cheromei (Ken) 14:46.72, 3, P Radcliffe (GB) 14:50.32. **400m hurdles:** 1, D Hemmings (Jam) 53.26sec, 2, K Batten (US) 53.69, 3, T Tereschchuk (Ukr) 53.77, 7, S Smith (Ire) 55.53. **Long jump:** 1, H Drechsler (Ger) 6.83m, 2, F May (It) 6.64, 3, S Tiedtke-Greene (Ger) 6.56. **High jump:** 1, A Acuff (US) 1.93m, 2, V Fiodorova (Russ) 1.90, 2, A Astafei (Ger) 1.90. **Discus:** 1, T Damaske (Ger) 66.58m, 2, F Tilea (Rom) 65.46, 3, F Hanestad (Nor) 64.98.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 18 Oakland 2; Kansas City 5 Baltimore 4; Chicago White Sox 8 Toronto 5; Milwaukee 11 Texas 10 (12 inns); Minnesota 8 Detroit 2; Anaheim 8 Cleveland 7; Seattle 8 Boston 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia 4 San Diego 2; Los Angeles 6 Pittsburgh 4; Atlanta 7 Houston 6 (11 inns); San Francisco 6 New York Mets 2; Florida 11 Chicago Cubs 0; Montreal 7 St Louis 5; Colorado 9 Cincinnati 5.

BOWLS

WORTHING: All-England Bowling Association championships: Pairs: Quarter-finals: D and A Baxter (Wigton, Cumbria) bt S McCaughtrie and G Burgess (Gilt Edge, Kidderminster) 19-18 (after extra end); B Taylor and T Kempster (Gosforth, Newcastle) bt T Sargent and S Brice (Wellworthy, Dorset) 28-16; N Cordy and D Wilson (Cleethorpes) bt S Parker and M Bywater (Gilt Edge, Kidderminster) 24-18; S Nutman and A Tidby (Dorchester) bt D Tinsey and P Harlow (Wymondham Dell, Norfolk) 27-11. **Semi-finals:** Taylor and Kempster bt D and A Baxter 20-16; Nutman and Tidby bt Cordy and Wilson 17-14.

LLANDRINDOD WELLS: Atlantic Rim championships: Triples: Argentina bt England (J Baker, G Fitzgerald and S Paget) 18-13; Canada bt Wales (K Pearce, S Mansbridge and D Moran) 22-16; Guernsey (B Hurford, A Mernen and P Harding) bt United States 24-14; Ireland (J Minnis, D Kane and P Smith) bt Spain 28-7; Israel bt South Africa 22-8; Jersey (A Birch, P Hormen and J Lowery) bt Scotland (K Houston, S Kelly and J Lindors) 18-15; Holland bt Namibia 18-17. **Thirteenth round. Pairs:** Argentina bt Canada 22-14; England (K Hawes and M Price) bt United States 22-16; Guernsey (J and A Simon) bt Spain 25-10; Ireland (P Nolan and M Johnston) bt South Africa 20-16; Scotland (J Marshall and S Gourlay) bt Israel 28-16; Jersey (J Jones and S Syvret) bt Holland 21-10; Namibia bt Wales (N Shipperlee and R Jones) 23-15. **Triples:** Argentina bt Canada 17-14; England bt United States 20-18; Guernsey bt Spain 26-3; Ireland bt South Africa 15-13; Scotland bt Israel 15-10; Jersey bt Holland 23-7; Wales bt Namibia 21-5. **Final positions: Pairs:** 1, England 22pts, 2, Ireland 20, 3, Guernsey 20, 4, Wales 17, 5, Scotland 17, 6, South Africa 14, 7, Jersey 14, 8, Spain 12, 9, Argentina 11, 10, Canada 10, 11, United States 10, 12, Namibia 9, 13, Israel 7, 14, Holland 0. **Triples:** 1, Wales 20, 2, Jersey 19, 3, Scotland 19, 4, Israel 19, 5, Argentina 16, 6, South Africa 15, 7, Namibia 13, 8, Guernsey 13, 9, England 12, 10, Ireland 12, 11, Canada 11, 12, United States 6, 13, Spain 4, 14, Holland 4. **Overall:** 1, Wales 25, 2, Scotland 22, 3, Jersey 21, 4, England 20, 5, Guernsey 19, 6, South Africa 18, 7, Ireland 18, 8, Argentina 16, 9, Israel 13, 10, Namibia 11, 11, Canada 9, 12, Spain 9, 13, United States 7, 14, Holland 2.

CYCLING

PERTH, Australia: World track championships: Men: Pursuit: First round (eight fastest qualify for quarter-finals): 1, A Markov (Russ) 4min 24.448sec, 2, A Collinelli (It) 4:24.578, 3, P Ermenault (Fr) 4:24.957, 4, J Neuville (Fr) 4:25.757, 5, S Steinweg (Ger) 4:26.960, 6, J Martinez Oliver (Sp) 4:27.769, 7, J Lehmann (Ger) 4:29.255, 8, A Simonenko (Ukr) 4:31.517. **Non-qualifier:** P Hayles (GB) 4:35.323. **Quarter-finals:** Steinweg 4:26.124 bt Neuville 4:33.272; Ermenault 4:20.630 bt Martinez Oliver 4:30.781; Collinelli 4:24.086 bt Lehmann 4:27.426; Markov 4:23.396 bt Simonenko 4:30.919. **One kilometre: Final:** 1, S Kelly (Aus) 1min 3.156sec, 2, S Lausberg (Ger) 1:03.297, 3, S Nimke (Ger) 1:03.470, 4, A Tournant (Fr) 1:03.519, 5, H Thuel (Fr) 1:04.441, 6, T Jumonji (Japan) 1:04.659, 13, C McLean (GB) 1:05.339. **Keirin: First round** (first two qualify for second round, others to repechages): **Heat one:** 1, Y Kamiyama (Japan) 11.42sec, 2, P Jacques (GB). **Heat two:** 1, J-P van Zyl (SA) 10.98, 2, G Neiwand (Aus). **Heat three:** 1, F Magne (Fr) 11.06, 2, C Arrue (US). **Heat four:** 1, D Hill (Aus) 11.20, 2, J Fiedler (Ger). **Repechages** (first two qualify for second round): **Heat one:** 1, M Nothstein (US) 11.25, 2, P Chiappa (It). **Heat two:** 1, D Cabrero (Sp) 11.589, 2, F Gurdoni (Arg). **Second round** (first three qualify for final): **Heat one:** 1, Nothstein 11.441, 2, Fiedler, 3, Magne. **Heat two:** 1, Chiappa 11.074, 2, Hill, 3, Van Zyl. **Non-qualifier:** Jacques. **Final:** 1, Magne 10.901, 2, Van Zyl, 3, Nothstein (US). **Madison: Final:** 1, Spain (J Alzamora and J Llaneras) 21pts, 2, Italy 30, 3, Argentina 28, 4, Denmark 24, 5, Switzerland 20, 6, Australia 15, 10, Great Britain (J Clay and B Steel) 2. **Women: Sprint: Qualifying round:** 1, F Ballanger (Fr) 11.305sec, 2, M Ferris (Aus) 11.476, 3, M Humbert-Faure (Fr) 11.527, 4, O Grishina (Russ) 11.686, 5, T Dubnicoff (Can) 11.714, 6, G Enukhina (Russ) 11.760, 7, K Freitag (Ger) 11.767, 8, J Reed (US) 11.830, 9, Wang Yan (China) 11.847, 10, L-A Muenzer (Can) 11.956, 11, I Yanovich (Ukr) 11.958, 12, S Szabolcsi (Hun) 11.982, 13, R Razmaite (Lith) 12.067, 14, T Matianova (Russ) 12.161, 15, M Kasslin (Fin) 12.183, 16, F Ramage (NZ) 12.319, 17, G Troldi (It) 12.415, 18, W Everson (GB) 12.564.

TOUR OF HOLLAND: First stage (Tilburg to Alkmaar, 199.7km): 1, E Leoni (It, Aki-Safi) 4hr 53min 57sec, 2, J Blijlevens (Holl, TVM), 3, J Svorada (Cz, Mapei), 4, M Cornelisse (Holl, Foreldorado), 5, G van Bondt (Bel, Vlaanderen), 6, J Verstrepen (Bel, Vlaanderen) all same time. **Second stage** (Alkmaar to Haarlem, 167.7km): 1, R McEwen (Aus, Rabobank) 4hr 4min 55sec, 2, L van Bon (Holl, Rabobank), 3, Leoni, 4, A Di Basco (It, Saeco), 5, Svorada, 6, Blijlevens TVM all same time. **Leading overall positions:** 1, Blijlevens 8hr 57min 46sec, 2, Leoni at 2sec, 3, McEwen 6, 4, Van Bon 7, 5, Svorada 12, 6, S Teutenberg (Ger, US Postal) 7.

GLIDING

BIDFORD-ON-AVON: National junior championships: Second day (125km quad, 15 completions of 34): 1, J Hood (Discus) 73.7 kph, 703pts, 2, L Rebbeck (LS4) 68.7, 676; equal 3, D Allison (LS8) 64.4 and M Fox (Libelle) 59.8, 640, 5, J Tanner (LS4) 62.6, 637, 6, A Perkins (Cirrus 18) 60.9, 634. **Leading overall positions:** 1, Allison 1,341pts, 2, P Masson (Discus) 1,301, 3, Hood 1,260, 4, H Jones (Ventus 2) 1,247, 5, G Smith (Pik 20) 1,233, 6, Fox 1,224.

HOCKEY

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: England Under-21 1 Australia 3 (at Milton Keynes).

RIFLE SHOOTING

BODMIN: Cornwall inter-counties meeting: National Westminster Bank Trophy (300 yds): 1, G Childs (Exeter) 75.11pts, 2, D Young (Lancs) 75.11, 3, G Cann (Devon) 75.11. **ECC Group Trophy** (600 yds): 1, R Jobson (Cornwall) 149.9, 2, Young 75.9, 3, A Henderson (Berks) 75.9. **MWT Trophy** (600 yds): 1, Childs 75.13, 2, J Sainter (Lancs) 75.7, 3, P Coley (Cornwall) 74.11. **St Justin Trophy:** 1, Jobson 149.9, 2, A Smith (Bucks) 149.6, 3, M Grimsdell (Gloucs) 148.3. **Cornwall Shield** (teams): 1, Exonia and Tiverton 1,150.90, 2, Tavistock and Drake 1,149.85, 3, Somerset 1,149.76. **Dave Lumby Memorial Trophy:** 1, Luckman 125.15. **Dickson Pairs:** 1, Luckman and Langley 730.65. **Cornwall Inter-counties team:** 1, Devon 563.73, 2, Cornwall 566.51, 3, London 560.42. **Grand Aggregate:** 1, Jobson 370.34, 2, Childs 369.40, 3, Luckman 369.39. **Duke of Cornwall Trophy** (600 yds): 1, Cann 75.11, 2, Luckman 74.9, 3, Langley 74.9.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Paris Saint-Germain 23 Oldham Bears 12.

ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP: Featherstone 28 Castleford 32.

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Wales A 36 Romania XV 21.

TOUR MATCH: Australia Schools 20 England Schools 38 (in Sydney).

SPEEDWAY

AMATEUR LEAGUE: St Austell 38 Peterborough 29.

SQUASH

HONG KONG: Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Open: First round: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt P Gregory (Gr) 15-2, 15-12, 15-9; P Johnson (Eng) bt C Walker (Eng) 15-8, 15-6, 9-15, 15-13; R Eyles (Aus) bt G Ryding (Can) 15-17, 15-6, 8-15, 15-11, 15-9; N Taylor (Eng) bt D Ryan (Ire) 15-11, 13-15, 10-15, 15-8, 15-13; P Marshall (Eng) bt A Hill (Aus) 15-4, 15-6, 15-3; B Martin (Aus) bt K El Meshkawi (Egypt) 15-5, 15-9, 10-15, 15-8; M Heath (Scot) by S Parke (Eng) 15-6, 15-7, 15-9; S Nicol (Eng) bt J Bonetat (Fr) 15-7, 15-6, 15-10.

TENNIS

FLUSHING MEADOWS: United States Open. Men: Singles: First round: Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt C Caratti (It) 6-2, 6-4, 7-6; R Krajicek (Holl) bt W Black (Zim) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; M Larsson (Swe) bt J Siemerink (Holl) 6-4, 6-2, 6-3; M Filippini (Uru) bt A O'Brien (US) 6-2, 6-4, 6-4; L Paes (India) bt C Costa (Sp) 6-1, 7-5, 6-4; A Corretja (Sp) bt M Rosset (Switz) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; T Haas (Ger) bt O Gross (Ger) 6-3, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; J Kroslak (Slovakia) bt A Volkov (Russ) 3-6, 7-6, 6-0, 6-1; S Sargsian (Arm) bt J Alonso (Sp) 2-6, 0-6, 6-0, 6-4, 6-4; M Chang (US) bt P Fredriksson (Swe) 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; B Ulihrach (Cz) bt R Raes (US) 6-2, 6-2, 6-2; C Woodruff (US) bt T Johansson (Swe) 6-3, 6-0, 3-6, 6-0; S Schalken (Holl) bt D van Scheppingen (Holl) 6-4, 6-2, 6-4; A Boetsch (Fr) bt A Costa (Sp) 6-2, 6-4, 6-4; G Kuerten (Br) bt G Grant (US) 6-4, 3-6, 6-7, 6-2, 6-3; J Salzenstein (US) bt M Tillstrom (Swe) 6-4, 1-6, 7-6, 7-5; M Woodforde (Aus) bt B Black (Zim) 7-6, 6-3, 6-3; G Raoux (Fr) bt C Moya (Sp) 6-4, 7-6, 6-2; A Voinea (Rom) bt R Furlan (It) 6-7, 7-6, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; J Gimelstob (US) bt D Nestor (Can) 7-6, 6-7, 6-3, 6-2; A Agassi (US) bt S Campbell (US) 6-1, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; N Escude (Fr) bt M Joyce (US) 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt J Stark (US) 6-3, 6-2, 7-5; K Carlsen (Den) bt T Ketola (Fin) 6-2, 6-3, 6-1; G Stafford (SA) bt E Alvarez (Sp) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2. **Doubles: First round:** S Noteboom and F Wibier (Holl) bt T [illegible] and L Smith (Aus) 2-6, 7-5, 6-2; M Philippoussis and P Rafter (Aus) bt P Korda (Cz) and R Reneberg (US) 7-6, 7-6; D Randall and J Waite (US) bt V Spadea and E Taino (US) 6-2, 6-4; A Berasategui (Sp) and D Rodic (US) bt O Delaitre and F Santoro (Fr) 6-7, 6-2, 6-3; D Pescariu (Rom) and D Sanguinetti (It) bt S Davis and K Jones (US) 6-1, 6-3; P Kilderry (Aus) and N Lapentti (Ec) bt C Braasch (Ger) and B Shelton (US) 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; J Bjorkman and N Kulti (Swe) bt B Bryan and M Bryan (US) 6-4, 6-3; M Damm (Cz) and A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt L Pimek (Bel) and B Talbot (SA) 4-6, 6-3, 7-6; J Novak and D Rikl (Cz) bt N Godwin and G Muller (SA) 7-5, 7-6; E Behrens and P McEnroe (US) bt E Ferreira (SA) and P Galbraith (US) 7-6, 4-6, 7-5. **Women: Singles: First round:** C Morariu (US) bt A Ellwood (Aus) 7-6, 7-6; M J Fernandez (US) bt N Kijimuta (Japan) 6-2, 6-3; Y Basuki (Indo) bt N van Lottum (Fr) 6-3, 6-4; A Fusai (Fr) bt E Gagliardi (Switz) 6-1, 6-1; P Schnyder (Switz) bt D van Roost (Bel) 6-2, 6-2; O Barabanschikova (Bela) bt L Golarsa (It) 6-3, 6-3; B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) bt A Carlsson (Swe) 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; K Po (US) bt E Martincova (Cz) 5-4, 6-1; R Grande (It) bt S Cacic (US) 6-2, 6-1; N Dechy (Fr) bt P Begerow (Ger) 6-3, 6-1; B Schett (Austria) bt M Maruska (Austria) 6-1, 6-0; A Coetzer (SA) bt N Arendt (US) 6-3, 6-2; C Martinez (Sp) bt J Capriati (US) 6-1, 6-2; D Chladkova (Cz) bt H Sukova (Cz) 6-1, 1-6, 6-1; A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt K-A Guse (Aus) 6-3, 6-4; M Lucic (Cro) bt S Kleinova (Cz) 6-0, 6-3; W Probst (Ger) bt L Lee (US) 6-1, 5-7, 6-3; L Davenport (US) bt L McNeil (US) 6-2, 7-6; M Lucic (Cro) bt S Kleinova (Cz) 6-0, 6-3. **Second round:** T Tanasugarn (Thai) bt M A Vento (Ven) 6-4, 6-3; F Perfetti (It) bt S Pitkowski (Fr) 6-4, 6-3.

POOLS DIVIDENDS

LITTLEWOODS: Treble chance: 24pts £265,050.80, 23 £2,460.40, 22 £227.70, 21 £42.60. Half-time (max 20pts) £528.65. Four draws £9.45. Nine homes £90.70. Five aways £839.20.

VERNONS: Treble chance: 23pts £9,425.95, 22 £100.80, 21 £19.60. Premier 10 £58.35.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

European Cup Winners' Cup
Qualifying round, second leg
Legia Warsaw (1) v Glenavon (1) (6.0)
National Bucharest (5) v
Cwmbran Town (2) (7.0)
Shelbourne (1) v Kilmarnock (2) (7.45)

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Luton v Millwall (2.0), Norwich v Arsenal; West Ham v Swindon (at Southend United FC, 7.45), Crystal Palace v Tottenham (at Plough Lane, 2.0)

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Nottingham Forest v Leeds (7.0). First division: Notts County v West Bromwich (7.0). Second division: Barnsley v Wrexham (7.0)

FA YOUTH CUP: Preliminary Round: Atherton LR v Leigh RMI, Westfields v Histon, Felixstowe Port and v Ipswich; Malden v Hampton; Herne Bay v Ashford (Middx), Chichester v Hythe, Moreham v Basingstoke

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance
county championship
11.0, second day of four, 104 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Somerset
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Warwickshire
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v
Nottinghamshire
PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Kent
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v
Yorkshire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v
Glamorgan
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v
Durham
KIDDERMINSTER: Worcestershire v
Middlesex
Noon, first day of four, 104 overs minimum
HOVE: Sussex v Surrey

NATWEST UNDER-19 INTERNATIONAL MATCH (first day of four). Canterbury: England v Zimbabwe.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (third day of four): Tunbridge Wells: Kent v Sussex. Vine Lane, Uxbridge: Middlesex v Northamptonshire. Park Avenue, Bradford: Yorkshire v Lancashire. (second day of four): Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Warwickshire. Sunderland: Durham v Gloucestershire. Panteg: Glamorgan v Worcestershire. Southampton: Hampshire v Essex.
MCC TROPHY (continuation) Final: Lord's: Norfolk v Shropshire

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS. All-England championships (at Worthing). Atlantic Rim championship (at Llandrindod Wells)
HOCKEY: International match: England v Australia (at Basingstoke, 7.30)
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Sheffield v Glasgow (7.45)

مكتبة الاهرام

TENNIS: SPANIARD FIGHTS BACK FROM TWO SETS DOWN TO STAY IN US OPEN

Bruguera pulls off dramatic recovery

FROM DAVID POWELL
IN NEW YORK

THE US Open almost claimed a fifth men's seed in the first round here at Flushing Meadows yesterday when Sergi Bruguera, the Spaniard who was runner-up at the French Open championships in June, had to recover from two sets down to defeat Michael Tebbutt, an Australian, who had won through the qualifying tournament, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

Bruguera is a man with great powers of recovery. Last year his ranking dropped to No 81 as a consequence of injuries, but this year he has fought his way back up to No 8, partly due to his success in winning the Lipton hard-court tournament before his run to the final in Paris. Seeded No 7 here, Bruguera did well to survive against a player who had won their only previous meeting.

Bruguera has not won a title on the ATP Tour since capturing a tournament in Prague in 1994 and, for a long time in the Arthur Ashe Stadium, he *looked to be heading for* another early exit. However, *Bruguera's patience from the* baseline finally began to pay off as *Tebbutt's serve-and-*volley game faltered. In the *final set, the Australian could* find no answer to Bruguera's crisp passing shots and he gave away the match on Bruguera's fourth match point with a bad miss on an easy volley. Bruguera will meet Grant Stafford, of South Africa, in the second round.

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In a reversal of fortunes between Australia and Spain, Todd Woodbridge, who reached the semi-finals at Wimbledon when unseeded, won his first-round match against Juan Antonio Marin. Woodbridge, born in Sydney but living in Florida, defeated his opponent, from Murcia, 7-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

Woodbridge was one of only two players to break the Pete Sampras service at Wimbledon, although he went on to lose to him in straight sets. That was the first time he had progressed beyond the fourth round of a grand-slam singles event. He will need to go all the way to the final here to meet Sampras again.

In another of the early matches on the third day yesterday, Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa, upset the rankings with his defeat of Alberto Berasategui, of Spain, 6-7, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3.

By the end of the second day, four men's seeds had departed — Goran Ivanisevic, the No 4 seed, Carlos Moyá, the No 8, from Spain, Thomas Enqvist, the No 11, from Sweden, and Albert Costa, the No 16, from Spain. Enqvist did not play a match, withdrawing through illness.

Nicolas Escude, a lucky loser from France, had been waiting in hope for an opening *to appear in the main draw* and was asleep on the floor of *the players' room when an* official awoke him with the *news that he would take* Enqvist's place.

To begin with, in his match against Michael Joyce, he still *looked half-asleep. Joyce, a* wild-card entry, from Los Angeles, won the first five games, but thereafter had little success. *Escude* won 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1. In the second round, he will play Magnus Larsson, of Sweden.

By the end of the women's first round, all but two seeds had survived. Eliminated were Barbara Paulus, the No 14, from Austria, and Ruxandra Dragomir, the No 15, from Romania. One of the easiest winners was Conchita Martinez, the No 7 seed, who defeated Jennifer Capriati 6-1, 6-2.

Capriati has not won a grand-slam match for four years. *Before her fall from* grace, when she received a *police caution for shoplifting* and spent time at a drugs *rehabilitation centre. Capriati* had reached No 6 in the world *and had been a semi-finalist in* the French Open at the age of 14.

At 15, Capriati defeated Martina Navratilova at Wimbledon and, at 16, won the Olympic women's singles title in Barcelona. Here she is remembered for taking Monica Seles to three sets in the semi-finals in 1991. She refuses to talk about the past and says that it is not part of who she is any more.

However, her mother, Denise, has spoken of the "guilt and shame" for the role she played in pushing her daughter forward too quickly. *"The money, the excitement,* the endorsements, the pres*tige, the pride," she said in an* interview with *The New York Times*. *"There it all is and you* get caught up in it.

"You are not *thinking what* your child is missing and if *this is what is best for them. I* believe in my heart that she did love tennis and that she still does, but I did beat myself up later for not stopping things getting so out of hand back then. I let the whole thing control me."

Since returning to the tour in 1995, Capriati has sustained a succession of injuries, most recently an ankle sprain at the Italian Open in April. "I missed the whole summer and I was looking forward to playing the French and Wimbledon," she said. Against Martinez, Capriati was, she said, just "happy I could be there", *adding: "It has taken* me a lot to get there."

After her first-round defeat of Dragomir, Lisa Raymond, *of the United States, declared:* "On paper, it is an upset. Whether *in my mind it is an* upset, that is something different." Yesterday, in the second round, Raymond was on the receiving end, losing 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 to Magdalena Maleeva, of Bulgaria.

Tamarine Tanasugarn, of Thailand, who took her place in tennis history on Monday when she won the first US Open match in the new stadium, led the way into the third round with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Maria Alejandra Vento, of Venezuela.

OSAMU HONDA

Gustavo Kuerten, the French Open champion, celebrates his win over Geoff Grant

RUGBY UNION: OUTSTANDING TOUR ENDS WITH AGGREGATE OF 583 POINTS FROM EIGHT MATCHES

Schoolboys sign off in usual thrilling style

BY DAVID HANDS

ENGLAND'S *schoolboys concluded* their Australian tour at the North *Sydney Oval yesterday with a hand*some 38-20 victory over Australia. *Their unbeaten record in eight match*es has seen them score an aggregate of *583 points, with only 64 conceded, and* suggests that there is plentiful home-*grown talent to attract the attention of* the professional clubs.

*Despite the temporary loss of Ste*phen Borthwick, who required surgery *on a severely-damaged ear, England* dominated most of the game. Borthwick, the lock from Hutton Grammar School, was outstanding in *the second half, when only Australia's* superb defence prevented them from being overwhelmed.

Moreover, England were without *Lee Best, their leading try-scorer, who* failed to recover from an ankle injury *sustained at the weekend. Matthew* Walker, the Dinnington High School *wing, took his place. During a physical* encounter, England made an uncer*tain start, conceding eight points in the* opening period against the young *Wallabies, whom they beat last year at* Gloucester.

However, England retrieved the position by scoring 31 points before the *interval with the adventurous rugby* that has been their hallmark all tour. "We kept the ball for most of the first half and the boys played some truly *dynamic stuff*," Geoff Wappett, their coach, said. "When people came up to *me to say that they had not seen* England players performing that way, *you can appreciate how enjoyable this* tour has been."

SCORERS: Australia Schools: Tries: Cross (2), Northwick. Conversion: Cross. Penalty goal: Hercus. England Schools: Tries: Daniell (2), Sanderson, Grindal, Tindal. Conversions: Lofthouse (3), Wilkinson (2). Penalty goal: Wilkinson.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 39

HERMIA

(a) *A Midsummer Night's Dream.* **A young woman in love with Lysander. She defends her right to choose him as her husband in defiance of her father Egeus' desire for her to marry Demetrius. After fleeing to the wood with Lysander, she bears the full brunt of *the magic-induced misadventures.***

BIANCA

(a) *The Taming of the Shrew.* ***Apparently* a demure young miss, in whose mouth not the smallest butter-pat would melt, Bianca spends much of her time responding to wooers.**

PETO

(b) *Henry IV, parts 1 and 2.* **One of Falstaff's crookedest (and slowest-witted) cronies. He speaks all of half a dozen lines. One's heart goes out to any actor hired to play this part, and this part only, night after night.**

PERDITA

(c) In *The Winter's Tale*, **a beautiful young girl. "The most peerless piece of earth/ That e'er the sun shone bright on." She is the baby *daughter of Leontes, ordered to be exposed to die,* now grown-up and in love with Florizel.**

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... *Qh4! (threatening 2 ... Qxh2+) 2 Nf1 Bf3 (threatening 3 ... Nh3 mate) 3* Ne3 Qxh2+ 4 Kxh2 Rh6+ and mates.

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England line up two more matches against All Blacks

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHOEVER *is confirmed in* England's new management *team, which the Rugby Foot*ball Union hope to announce *tomorrow, can look forward to* four meetings with New Zea*land within the next ten* months. Internationals later *this year at Old Trafford and* Twickenham will be followed by games against the world's best team in Dunedin and Auckland *next June*.

The New Zealand Rugby Football Union itinerary for England's tour next summer also *proposes meetings with* New Zealand A, a New Zea*land Academy XV and New* Zealand Maoris, fixtures that *have the look of All Black* trials. As England's plans also encompass a Cook Cup match with Australia and a possible encounter with South Africa on the way home, club owners will wonder at the long-term effect on their employees.

They are already unhappy at the growing number of *internationals and the appar*ent lack of co-ordination with club fixtures. A typical example is the game in Wrexham *on Saturday between Wales* and Romania that clashes *with the second set of Allied* Dunbar Premiership matches. *In addition, the union has* been accused, by Rob Andrew, the Newcastle director of rugby, of making surreptitious approaches to players over *their contractual arrange*ments.

Wales, already without Ieuan Evans, Robert Howley *and Scott Quinnell, yesterday* lost Scott Gibbs after it be*came evident that his dam*aged ankle would not improve quickly enough. His place will go to Leigh Davies, of Cardiff.

Greg Smith, the Australia coach, has resigned six days before the board meeting that was expected to dismiss him. Australia suffered a record 61-22 defeat by South Africa last weekend, leaving Smith with a tally of 12 wins and seven defeats, five of those to the All Blacks.

Smith: resignation

ENGLAND ITINERARY: June: 13: v New Zealand A (Hamilton). 16: v New Zealand Academy (Invercargill). 20: v New Zealand (Dunedin). 23: v New Zealand Maoris (Rotorua). 27: v New Zealand (Auckland).

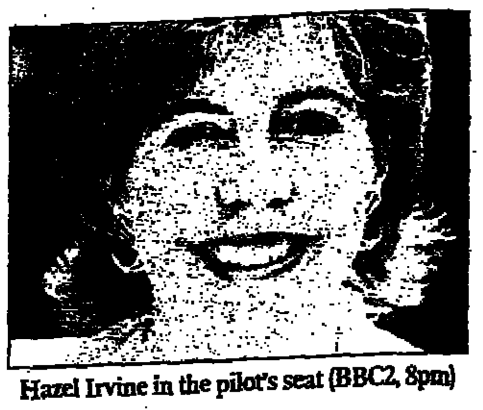
☐ Daniel Thwaites, the brewing company, is to sponsor the northern-division clubs in a three-year deal worth £500,000. The agreement will benefit 240 clubs in 25 leagues.

TELEVISION CHOICE

A series set for take-off

The Air Show
BBC2, 8.00pm

Aviation fanatics will be thrilled with this six-part series which takes off tonight. Concentrating on all things airborne (mechanical, that is), the magazine programme will cover everything from the history of flying to the innovations of the future. Each week Hazel Irvine will be joined by jaunty broadcaster and travel writer Robert Elms, who will report on air travel from the passenger's viewpoint, and Julian Tutt, a former Army Air Corps helicopter pilot and presenter, who will take a look at military aircraft. In the first programme, the Boeing 747 is re-evaluated, Tutt gets an exclusive look at the cockpit of the Navy's new anti-submarine helicopter, Elms joins the bush pilots flying aid into East Africa and Fenella George takes her first step towards learning to fly solo.



Hazel Irvine in the pilot's seat (BBC2, 8pm)

Feast
Channel 4, 8.30pm

Just when you thought there was no more room in the schedules for another food magazine programme, along comes *Feast*. Aimed at young people with money and curiosity, the eight-part series will be fast, funky and fashionable. In the first programme, chef Jeremy Lee makes his bid for television stardom with a trendy rabbit fricassee. *On the investigative side James* Erlichman reveals the plight of newborn calves, once sold to the veal trade and now slaughtered for petfood. The imaginatively dubbed Wine Girls are sent to Calais to report on the best deals France has to offer the alcohol shopper. Every week, Noir, two musicians with a love of good food, go to a different European city and explore their culinary gifts. This week their destination is Barcelona, where they *hang around the food markets and sing the praises* of Catalan cuisine.

Bully: Ha Bloody Ha
BBC2, 9.25pm

"Kids are natural biological fascists," says Phill Jupitus in this programme which famous people tell their bullying stories. They were bullied for all manner of reasons: Cliff Richard for being Indian, Tony Robinson for being short, Ranulph Fiennes for being too good-looking, Alan Davies for not having a mother. If you have a vulnerable spot, children will find it. *But bullying is not confined to* children. Teachers and other people in authority have made celebrities' lives *miserable. Jo Brand* had one who "humiliated me at every possible moment" and Boy George *suffered at the hands of* his sports teacher. Some react differently from others. Tessa Sanderson *and* Cliff Richard took to punching back, whereas Jenny Eclair, driven by *taunts from a teacher* about her weight, "starved myself until I was about five stone".

Films of Fire
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Photographic agent Nicky Akehurst sets out to *provoke* a debate with this polemical film about a taboo subject. Her argument is that the current climate of paranoia surrounding child abuse has allowed a creeping form of censorship to flourish. Artistic and personal freedoms are being restricted under the pretext of being "for the sake of the children". Although she condemns child pornography *she believes that the net is being cast* too wide and that the law is too vague to catch the *real culprits. She believes* that context and intent should be taken into account. In pursuit of her argument she talks to artists, photographers, people who have faced prosecution and some of the children who have posed for the pictures. Even if one is not convinced, Akehurst has done her job in keeping the debate open. **Frances Lass**

RADIO CHOICE

Control Group Six
Radio 4, 6.30pm

The prison doctor arrives: "Morning, Heaven, just a quick check-up. How are you?" Heaven: "Not bad." Doctor: "Good. Bye bye." Heaven: "Six months on the waiting list for that?" Fans of the first series will recognise the style of that scene from tonight's programme, marking the welcome return of *Control Group Six*. One of the show's *principal attractions is that it does not seem to* know what it is, a pleasant change from *programmes that are all too smugly sure of* themselves. Part sketch show and part comedy thriller? That is the official description but there is more (or possibly less) to it than that. Tonight's opener finds the deeply insecure Dr Heaven on death row, but how did he get there?

Thursday Afternoon Play: Where Waters Meet
Radio 4, 2.00pm

The dip in listening figures after the lunchtime news means that this drama slot does not get the audience it often deserves, for it consistently offers unfamiliar drama of high quality. *Where Waters Meet* is a play by the Swiss author Yvette Z'Graggen, translated by Sara Coward. The story will have resonance for many an elderly couple in *Britain and other European countries:* it is about a Swiss couple, played by Bridget Turner and Richard Pasco, who retire to Spain because they can no longer afford to live in their own country. The move affects the two in markedly different ways, the man becoming morose and resentful while the woman, after years of sublimating her own ambitions, finds new zest. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Kevin Greening **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session with Steve Lamacq **8.30** Movie Update **8.40** John Peel **10.30** Mary Ann Hobbs **1.00am** Clive Warren *4.00 Chris Moyles*

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Alex Lester **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** David Allan's Country Club **8.00** *Paul Jones 9.00 Denise Williams 9.30 The Jasper Carrott Trial* **10.00** Today's the Day **10.30** Paul Cole **12.05am** Patrick Lunt **3.00** John Terrett

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** Breakfast Programme **9.00** The *Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five* **4.00** Julian Worricker Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.30** Sporting Partnerships: The German rowing coach Jürgen Grobler and his Olympic champion British crew **8.00** David Gower's Cricket Weekly **9.00** Inside Edge **10.00** 5 Live at the *Fringe 10.30 News Talk 11.00 News Extra 12.00 After Hours* **2.00am** Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd *4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raeburn 10.00 James Whale* **1.00am** Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. **6.00am** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian Books **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Composer of the Month **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** Crossing the Border **9.30** The Jools Holland *Collection 10.05 Business 10.15 Champions 10.30* BBC English **10.45** Sport **11.30** Discovery **12.30pm** The Learning World **12.45** F.O.O.C **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Record News **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Sport **4.15** Crossing the Border **4.30** News in *German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today* **6.15** World Today **6.30** Record News **6.45** Sport **7.30** Assignment **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** John Peel **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Meridian Books **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** *Outlook 12.30 The Vintage Chart Show 1.30 Crossing the* Border **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** The Works **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

3.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Nick Bailey **9.00** Hall of Fame **1.00pm** Lunchtime Requests **2.00** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Saint-Saëns (Bassoon Sonata, Op 168) **8.00** Concert. Tchaikovsky (Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture); *Mozart (Piano Concerto No 23 in A major, K488);* Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1 in G minor, Op 26) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Russ 'n' Jono **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy *Clark 4.00 Robin Banks 6.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Nick Abbot* (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Grainger (In a Nutshell); Borodin (In the Steppes of Central *Asia); Haydn (Motet: O Coelitum Beati)*
9.00 Morning Collection, with Catriona Young. Includes Sibelius (The Swan of Tuonela, Legends)
10.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Mendelssohn
11.00 Edinburgh International Festival. Live from the Queen's Hall. Mozart (Divertimento in B flat, K240; Serenade in E flat, K375; Adagio in B flat, K411) **11.50** Northern Lights **12.10pm** Concert, part two. Strauss (Wind Sonatina No 1, Aus der Werkstatt Eines Invaliden)
1.00 News; Shakespeare's Opera. Peter Conrad introduces versions of the Falstaff story
2.00 BBC Proms 97. Another chance to hear Sunday's concert *featuring Joshua Bell, violin, Dallas* Symphony Orchestra, under Andrew Litton (r)
3.50 Mozart and Schubert Quintets. Nash Ensemble, Michael Collins, clarinet, Ian Brown, piano
5.00 Music Machine. Tommy Pearson talks to Mike Westbrook about jazz composition (r)
5.15 In Tune, with Humphrey Carpenter. Includes Rameau (Overture: Les Boréades); Liszt (Il *Lamento); Tippett (Symphony No 2, 1st mvt);* Beethoven (Piano Sonata in A flat, Op 26)
7.00 BBC Proms 97. Alfred Brendel, piano, Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, under Neville Marriner. Wagner (Overture: Die Meistersinger); Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor) **7.50** He's An Excellent Lad. Roger Nichols provides *an insight* into Mendelssohn's character in his new book, *Mendelssohn Remembered.* Penny Gore introduces readings from the composer's contemporaries including Berlioz, Cherubini and Robert and Clara Schumann **8.10** Concert, part two. Mendelssohn (Symphony No 3 in A minor, Scottish)
***9.10* Young Indians.** Noah Richler talks to the prize-winning novelist Shashi Tharoor (r)
10.00 BBC Proms 97. BBC Singers under Bo Holten. Schutz (Saul, Saul; Selig Sind die Toten; Wie Lieblich Sind Deine Wohnungen); Scheidt (Zion Spricht); Bach (Motet, Furchte Dich Nicht); Mendelssohn (Three Sacred Pieces); Brahms (Warum ist das Licht Gegeben?); Schoenberg (Friede auf Erden)
11.30 Proms composer of the Week: Britten (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Campbell Burnap
1.00 Through the Night, with David Cornet

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** *Today 8.45 Screwtape Letters (4/5) 8.58 Weather*
9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze, with Michael Buerk
10.00 News; One Flat Summer (FM). The second of a six-part gambling drama by David Sheasby
10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent. News from BBC reporters around the world
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Looking Foward to the Past. The historical *discussion programme 12.55 Weather*
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thursday Afternoon Play: Where Waters Meet. See Choice
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambaccini sees the latest cinema releases including Mel Gibson's new thriller, *Conspiracy Theory*
4.45 Short Story: On the Fringe — The Idiom of Love, by James Murphy
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Control Group Six. See Choice
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Going Back. In the last of the series the journalist Maggie O'Kane returns to Cuba
8.00 Reading Aloud: Granada (r)
8.20 Home Truths. Julia Darling talks to a group elderly people *in Gateshead, who have given up* their homes to live in residential accommodation
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? With Frederick Dove
***9.30* Kaleidoscope** *(r) 9.59 Weather*
10.00 The World Tonight, with Jeremy Harris
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Midnight's Children, by Salman Rushdie. Read by Roshan Seth (14/15)
11.00 The Leaves of the Dead, by Nick Fisher. Starring Imelda Staunton *as a detective investigating a* series of murders. With Geoffrey Matthews (4/4) (r)
11.30 A Pebble in the Pond. Chad Varah, *the founder* of the Samaritans, talks to Sheena McDonald about how he learnt about the facts of life (r)
12.00 News *Includes 12.28am* approx Weather
12.30am Late Book: The Woman and the Ape, by Peter Hoeg. Read by Helen Schlesinger *(4/10)*
12.48 Shipping Forecast (LW)
1.00 As World Service

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SUNDAY EVENING AND IT'S DAWN AGAIN.

BBC PROMS 97 SUNDAY 7.30 PM. DAWN UPSHAW RETURNS TO THE PROMS TO SING BRITTEN'S 'LES ILLUMINATIONS'. LIVE ON THREE, AS IS EVERY PROM. [illegible]

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A short course in the diplomatic niceties

Dear Clare Short: Those of us who suspected that your appointment as International Development Secretary was that clever Mr Blair's way of giving you enough rope to hang yourself are beginning to nod sagely. Mind, we scarce thought that people calling themselves Montserratians would be your *nemesis (if so it proves)*, but you cannot go *about spitting fire in* people's faces, especially when said people are already up to here in volcanic ash.

The trouble is that Montserrat is no place for a straight-talking lady to start a career in international politics. Heavens, no. Majorca is where you should have started. You cannot be International Development Secretary in a pulsating modern government without first acquiring the skills of diplomacy and tact which you, rather endearingly, seem to lack.

You cannot say (though you did) of a Montserratian whose very home is turning into toast that he will be "wanting golden elephants next". Whereas, and here we reach the core of this unsolicited, though I trust welcome, career advice, *whereas something of the kind addressed to that unloved creature, the British lager lout, would be just the ticket.*

What an International Development Secretary needs is a spell acclimatising to the diplomatic weather, an opportunity to take the temperature of the job in a less sensitive post, a gradual introduction to the niceties, the sensitivities, of global intercourse.

Therefore **Inside Story: Our Man in Majorca** (BBC1) should have been required viewing in the Short household last night. Here *we met a man with a wonderful job*, a job at once part of the heady diplomatic round and yet somehow divorced from it. John Blakemore is British Consul in Palma de Majorca and as such he is, as he was at pains to point out, very busy in the summer.

The same could be said for a *person selling ice cream or deckchairs*, though admittedly *a British consul is under* slightly greater pressure. Among Britain's temporary *summer exports to Majorca there appear to* be some exceptionally idiotic people, though one had to admire the zealous bilingualism of one young man: "Can you tell me where to catch a bus: publico transport?"

Of course you, Ms Short, could have told him not only where to catch it but also what to do with it. What, though, might you have *made of a trickier case, the chap who ended up in hospital having* gone to Palma airport for the flight home and suffered a blackout? What would you have done about his shoes?

REVIEW

Peter Barnard

They were missing by the time he fetched up at the consulate. Given Blakemore's earnest belief that the consulate had to help where possible but "cannot afford to be seen as a soft touch", this was *a tricky one to call. Would you (a) send the consular assistant out for a pair of cheap sandals (b) tell him* hardly anyone wears shoes in Majorca in summer or (c) say: "You'll be wanting Gucci boots next." The correct answer is (a).

Most of the consulate's days, and some of its nights, appeared to be concerned with lost or stolen passports, tickets and money. The most colourful case was a man whose "ex-girlfriend" had departed *in the middle of the night with all the man's possessions, not excluding his toothbrush.* Just before she left, "£700-worth of jewellery went over the balcony". The man added that he and the girl "had been having an argument", in case we thought that they were part of an expatriate repertory company performing a new play about asset-stripping.

So Blakemore and his staff, which includes his wife, manage a busy but relatively *sedate* corner of England's *foreign field, an ideal location, surely, for the blooding of* politicians who might one day have to deal with unexpected crises in half-forgotten colonies. I leave the thought with you, Ms Short.

And move on to the serious business of bullying, which is the subject of a BBC season at present. **Bully: I Just Want It To Stop** (BBC2) was an excellent film about *an experiment in one school which, by taking a positive attitude to both the bullies and the bullied, is showing impressive results.*

Carterton Community College in Oxfordshire operates a system whereby teachers gather a small group of about five pupils together to discuss a specific pupil who is being bullied. The victim is not in the group but one or two of the bullying children are.

The teacher asks each of the children *to suggest something that will help stop the bullying, which — in the case of the perpetrators —* has the effect of confronting them with what they are doing without actually punishing them for it. One victim, a pleasant girl called Vicky, explained how isolating the bullying was: *"I just felt lonely. There are so many groups in the school. I'm not in any of them."*

One's heart goes out to children *treated in this way*, but Vicky *certainly* benefited from the no-blame approach adopted by the school and the creators of the scheme, educationists Barbara Maines and George Robinson, say it is up to 90 per cent effective. There is convincing evidence that making every child in a group responsible for terminating the bullying is far better than trying to root out bullies and punish them.

Apart from showing *how* the scheme works, the programme effectively *demonstrated why it is necessary. Virtually every adult will identify in one way or another with what the children in the film* said, for in childhood, every generation seems to need to be part of a group, to be accepted by peers. If the cycle of bullying can be broken, the future will be enriched.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (91041)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (30729)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (5866848)
9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (T) (5847138)
9.50 Esther: Nannies (r) (T) (6733225)
10.20 Put It to the Test (5700596)
10.45 Carrier's Caribbean Curried lobster salad, fruit salad in *rum* and lime pie (r) (2765190)
11.00 News (T) and weather (2538041)
11.05 Alison's Last Mountain (1/2) (r) (6133472)
11.35 Paradox of the Emperors (r) (8313664)
12.00 News (T) and weather (4103409)
12.05pm Wipeout (r) (T) (8360645)
12.35 Neighbours (T) (1692515)
1.00 News (T) and weather (80206)
1.30 Regional News and weather (88558732)
1.40 Columbo: Murder by the Book (1971) FILM The dishevelled detective (Peter Falk) investigates the seemingly cut-and-dried murders of two mystery writers. *Directed* by Steven Spielberg (r) (T) (8770867)
2.50 Quincy (r) (3707664)
3.40 Popeye (r) (6106683) **3.45** Peter Pan and the Pirates (r) (734645) **4.15** Dinobabies (r) (T) (8783472) **4.35** Cartoon Critters (T) (1993080)
5.00 Newsround (T) (2263461)
5.10 Byker Grove (r) (T) (3114374)
5.35 Neighbours (T) (501935)
6.00 News (T) and weather (119)
6.30 Regional News Magazine (799)
7.00 Watchdog: Value for Money Buying from abroad via the internet; saving money on wedding hire. *Last in series* (T) (6732)
7.30 EastEnders *A day out ends in disaster* for Ricky and Bianca (T) (683)
8.00 Ronnie Barker — a Life in Comedy In the second part of the documentary charting the comedian's career, Ronnie Barker explains why he wrote his *sketches under the pseudonym of Gerald* Wiley (T) (5480)
8.30 Pilgrims Rest Bob rekindles a friendship, hoping for free tickets to a Status Quo concert (T) (4515)
9.00 News (T), regional news and weather (3867)
9.30 999 International Daring rescues, including that of a diver lost in a maze of caves *in Venezuela; how African flying* doctors saved a tribesman shot by an arrow (T) (483225)
10.20 Making Babies: Tania and Ray's Story A short documentary series updating the story of Tania and Ray's quest for an IVF baby (2/3) (T) (692848)
10.50 BBC Proms '97: North and South Leeds International Piano Competition winner Ilya Itin plays Grieg's Piano Concerto in A minor with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, under Vassily Sinaisky (601954)
11.45 Hannah and Her Sisters (1985) Woody FILM Allen's comedy drama charting the lives of three very different sisters over a two-year period. With Dianne Wiest, Michael Caine and Mia Farrow, (378190)
1.30am Weather (5077851)

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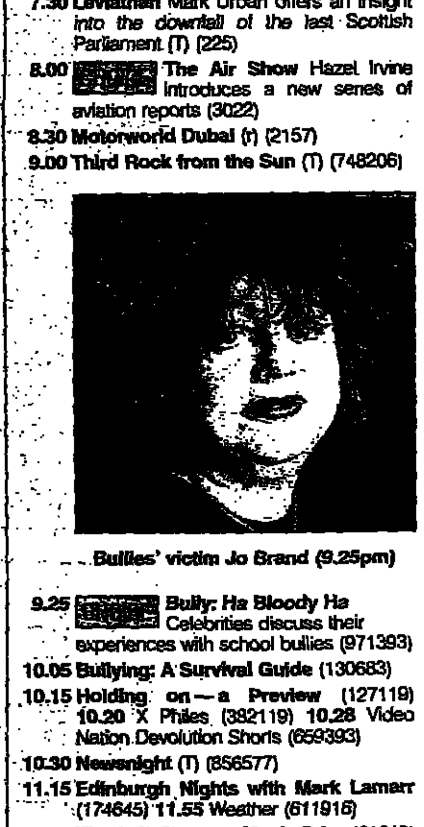
BBC2

6.00am Open University: Designs for Living (9596175) **6.25** Harvesting the Sun (4346472) **6.50** Problems with Ions (9838954)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T) (9688935)
7.30 Teletubbies (r) (4089157) **7.55** Brum (r) (1277645) **8.10** Racoons (r) (1176022) **8.35** Get Your Own Back (r) (T) (5240428) **9.05** Mighty Max (r) (7687954) **9.35** Glad Rags (r) (T) (6735683) **10.05** Smurfs' Adventures (r) (5781461) **10.25** Oakie Doke (r) (4061190) **10.35** Spider (r) (2783596) **10.45** Teletubbies (r) (462916) **11.15** Awash with Colour (492157)
11.45 Ninotchka (1939, b/w) Acclaimed FILM vintage comedy, starring Greta Garbo and Melvyn Douglas. Directed by Ernst Lubitsch (11852954)
1.35pm For the Love of It (39303886) **1.40** Blockbusters (10533288) **2.05** The Natural World Classics (r) (T) (8432428) **3.00** News (2087409)
3.05 Modern Times A look at a year in the life of the Victoria and Albert Museum, which *saw the appointment of a new director* (r) (T) (4122428)
3.55 News (T); regional news and weather (7605577)
4.00 The Million Pound Note (1954) Gregory FILM Peck stars in Mark Twain's story about a man who finds it impossible to spend a million pound bank note. With Jane Griffiths and Joyce Grenfell. Directed by Ronald Neame (5477022)
5.25 Today's Gourmet (r) (384703)
6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (T) (346732)
6.45 Whine, Jam, Wave and Jump! (578664)
7.30 Leviathan Mark Urban offers an insight *into the downfall of the last Scottish* Parliament (T) (225)
8.00 **The Air Show** Hazel Irvine introduces a new series of aviation reports (3022)
8.30 Motorworld Dubai (r) (2157)
9.00 Third Rock from the Sun (T) (748206)

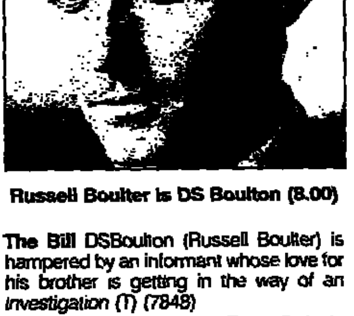


Bullies' victim Jo Brand (9.25pm)

9.25 **Bully: Ha Bloody Ha** Celebrities discuss their experiences with school bullies (971393)
10.05 Bullying: A Survival Guide (130683)
10.15 Holding on — a Preview (127119) **10.20** X Philes (382119) **10.28** Video Nation Devolution Shorts (659393)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (856577)
11.15 Edinburgh Nights with Mark Lamarr (174645) **11.55** Weather (611916)
12.00 The 1997 Mercury Music Prize (61610)
12.30am Learning Zone: The Changing Face of Poverty (48271) **1.00** Changing Climate? (12417) **1.30** Television to Call Our Own (68184) **2.00** Summer Nights (27225) **4.00** Italianissimo (17558) **5.00** Business and Work (27261)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (7210683)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (T) (5831577)
9.55 Judge Judy (T) (3792003)
10.20 News (T) (6587751)
10.25 Regional News (T) (6586022)
10.30 Born Free (1966) with Virginia McKenna, FILM Bill Travers and Geoffrey Keen. True-life drama based on the lives of Joy and George Adamson and their relationship with three orphaned lion cubs. Directed *by James Hill* (T) (51553225)
12.20pm Regional News (4107225)
12.30 ITN News (T) (1688312)
12.55 Shortland Street (1663003) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (14601664) **1.50** Murder She Wrote (9651190) **2.50** Cat Crazy (6507515)
3.20 News (T) (2094799)
3.25 Regional News (T) (2086770)
3.30 Potamus Park (r) (2813193) **3.40** Thumbs Up (6182003) **3.50** Rupert (r) (6050577) **4.15** *Hey Arnold!* (T) (2488080) **4.40** *My Dad's a Boring Nerd* (T) (2092596)
5.10 A Country Practice (2126596)
5.40 ITN News (T) (777041)
6.00 Home and Away Fisher decides his writing days are over (r) (T) (528138)
6.25 HTV Weather (404119)
6.30 The West Tonight (867)
7.00 Emmerdale Turner and Jo hit the open road (T) (1428)
7.30 Blues and Twos Cameras follow firefighters Bob Curtis and Mick Collins, from Manchester (r) (T) (751)



Russell Boulter is DS Boulton (8.00)

8.00 The Bill DSBoulton (Russell Boulter) is hampered by an informant whose love for his brother is getting in the way of an *investigation* (T) (7848)
8.30 Her Alibi (1988) with Tom Selleck, FILM Paulina Porizkova and James Farentino. An author suffering from writer's block tries to get inspiration by studying a murderess. Directed by *Bruce Beresford* (51190)
10.00 News at Ten (T) (25848)
10.30 Regional News (T) (247935)
10.40 West Eye View *Current affairs series with* Ray Tostevin (133138)
11.15 On the Waterfront (281138)
11.45 New York News (705664)
12.35am The LADS (T) (7425097)
1.10 Emergency! (3628523)
1.40 Planet Rock Profiles (9212523)
2.10 Late and Loud (r) (6038436)
3.10 Jones and Jury (r) (82476962)
3.35 The Good Sex Guide Late (r) (8598504)
4.25 Phenomena (22054436)
4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (70873165)
5.00 The Pulse (r) (57928)
5.30 News (66165)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (1663003)
1.50 Cat Crazy (98488848)
2.20-3.20 Hart to Hart (8406003)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2126596)
6.25 Central News (536157)
10.40 Film: Angel Street (25094732)
12.40 Planet Mirth (5612097)
1.10 Rockmania (7634829)
2.10 Planet Rock Profiles (9926271)
2.40 God's Gift (4073417)
4.30 Central Jobfinder '97 (5976558)
5.20 Asian Eye (6570513)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.55 Home and Away (8373374)
1.20 Emmerdale (10260848)
1.50 Cat Crazy (95488348)
2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (8406003)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2126596)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (52480)
10.30 Westcountry News (261515)
10.45 All the World's a Stage (284225)
11.15 Cadie's Quest (281136)
11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (705664)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
10.30am Cartoon Time (2771751)
10.40 David the Gnome (3288770)
11.05 Cartoon Time (4157770)
11.25 BraveStarr (4133190)
11.50 Dinosaurs (9462596)
1.50pm Cat Crazy (98488848)
2.20-3.20 Dr Quinn (8406003)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2126596)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (515)
6.30-7.00 Grass Roots (867)
10.30 Meridian News and Weather (261515)
10.45 Film: Burglar (18126041)

ANGLIA

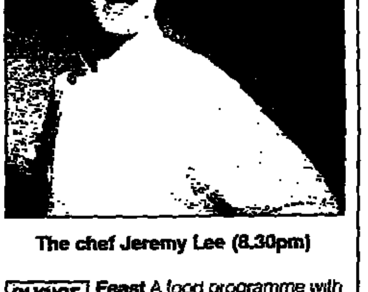
As HTV West except: 10.30am Cartoon Time (2771751) **10.40 David the Gnome** (3288770) **11.05 Cartoon Time** (4157770) **11.25 BraveStarr** (4133190) **11.50 Dinosaurs** (9462596) **12.55-1.25 A Country Practice** (1663003) **1.50 Cat Crazy** (98488848) **2.20-3.20 Dr Quinn: Medicine Woman** (8406003) **5.10-5.40 Shortland Street** (2126596) **6.25 Anglia News** (536157) **10.40 The Magic and Mystery Show** (758190) **11.10 Carrick Fear** (602848) **11.40 New York News** (531916)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (84751) **7.00 The Bigger Breakfast** (92974480) **9.05 Saved by the Bell: The New Class** (7672022) **9.35 Saved by the Bell: The New Class** (6749886) **10.00 Eerie, Indiana** (8447225) **10.35 The Crystal Maze** (3688770) **11.35 The Bigger Breakfast** (9464954) **12.05pm California Dreams** (7846799) **12.30 Ricki Lake** (42003) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (66525022) **1.15 Wil Cwac Cwac** (66520577) **1.30 Counter Culture** (88565022) **1.45 Film: Submarine Patrol** (12654175) **3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier** (645) **4.00 Bewitched** (480) **4.30 The Feel Good Factor** (664) **5.00 Home Improvement** (9206) **5.30 Countdown** (916) **6.00 Newyddion** (142867) **6.05 Heno** (506916) **6.35 Hollol Bananas** (411409) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (649515) **7.25 Y Glas** (998664) **8.00 Dal i Droi** (8190) **8.30 Newyddion** (7225) **9.00 The Jewel in the Crown** (3119) **10.00 Film: One False Move** (5747) **12.00 Citizen's Arrest** (63078) **12.30am Films of Fire** (8295691)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (84751) **7.00** The *Bigger Breakfast* with **9.05** Saved by the Bell (r) (T) **9.35** Alex Mack **10.05** Eerie, Indiana (r) (T) **10.35** The Crystal Maze (r) (T) **11.25** The Bigger Breakfast (58806503)
12.05pm California Dreams (r) (7846799) **12.30** *Light* Lunch (r) (T) (78157) **1.30** Voiceover Queen (88574770)
1.40 Frieda (1947) with Mai Zetterling, David FILM Farrar and Flora Robson. Ealing drama about the hostile reaction that a German *nurse gets when she comes to Britain* with her English husband. Directed by Basil Dearden (T) (19671374)
3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (T) (645) **4.00** Bewitched (r) (T) (480) **4.30** Countdown (T) (4761079) **4.55** Ricki Lake (T) (6344732) **5.30** Pet Rescue (r) (T) (916)
6.00 Boy Meets World Eric falls for a songwriter but soon realises it was a big mistake (T) (519480)
6.25 Fresh Pop (495461)
6.30 Hollyoaks Carol regrets her one-night stand with Tony (T) (409)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (397886)
7.50 The Comedy Slot Highlights from Edinburgh. The comedian *Owen O'Neil portrays a former footballer* (315206)
8.00 Taking to the Air *An investigation into* the wonders of flight using an array of different types of photography (T) (8190)



The chef Jeremy Lee (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **Feast** *A food programme with a difference*, featuring chef Jeremy Lee, the Wine Girls and the musical duo Noir (T) (7225)
9.00 CHOICE **Films of Fire: For the Sake of the Children** The photographer Nicky Akehurst argues that *paranoia about child abuse* is causing new forms of censorship in Britain today (T) (357664)
9.45 Pond Life Cartoon with the character Dolly Pond (r) (T) (167577)
10.00 Whose Line is It Anyway? Comic improvisation with Clive Anderson as *referee and Richard Vranch at the piano* (T) (155190)
10.35 Mortal Passions (1989) with Erica FILM Errickson, Luca Bercovici, Zach Galligan. Black comedy about a wife and her *lover's plan to murder her husband. Directed by Andrew Lane* (T) (70411751)
12.15am For the Love of... Politeness *(3/6)* Jon Ronson talks to six members of the Campaign for Courtesy. They discuss what politeness is, how it differs from manners and etiquette and why it is *important* (6856894)
1.20 The Valour and the Horror A film *exploring* Canada's role in the Second World War (r) (T) (448436)
3.20 First Convoy (r) (34609146) **5.25** Film and Video Showcase (r) (4132900)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a **Videocrypt decoder** will *be able to receive the channel free of* charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: **10.92075 GHz**; sound: **7.02 and 7.20 MHz**

6.00am 5 News Early (7256732) **7.30** WideWorld (6922022) **8.00** Havakazoo (2355393) **8.30** Wishbone (2354664)
9.00 The Wind in the Willows (r) (2345916) **9.30** Stickin' Around (9564765) **10.00** The Great Garden Game (r) (T) (9406409) **10.30** *Land of the Lion* (r) (T) (2374423)
11.00 Leeza (r) (2501409) **11.50** Double Espresso (33121138) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (2352480) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (9569913)
1.00 5 News Update (T) (22011799) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (1212935) **2.00** 5's *Company* (3629190)
3.30 Mississippi Gambler (1953) with Tyrone FILM Power, Piper Laurie and John McIntire. Drama about a gambler who falls foul of a rival poker player. Directed by Rudolph *Maté* (2409831)
5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (60373119)
5.30 100 Per Cent The game show without a *host* (5691799)
6.00 Move on Up *Fast-moving game show* (T) (5681312)
6.30 Family Affairs Elsa fails to get Chris to reveal his plans (T) (5672664)
7.00 Exclusive Entertainment news with Julia Bradbury and John Kearns (7101139)
7.30 Pole Stars The first in a series of documentaries about the wildlife in the polar regions sees scientists at work *under the sea ice* (T) (5678848)
8.00 The Car Show *Motor magazine* series presented by Mariella Frostrup and Tristram Payne. Includes an investigation into camper vans (1806747)
8.30 5 News (T) (6656044)

Matthew Modine sees double (9.00)

9.00 Equinox (1993) with Matthew Modine, FILM Lara Flynn Boyle and Marisa Tomei. Futuristic drama about a pair of identical twins, separated at birth but brought *together by an inheritance. Directed by* Alan Rudolph (T) (8713848)
11.00 The Best of Jack Docherty Interview highlights including guests Joan Rivers, Melvyn Bragg and Jonathan Ross (8522119)
11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (2947954)
12.45am Live and Dangerous Includes *football action from the Brazilian National* League (39395748)
4.35 The Streets of San Francisco American police drama series starring *Karl Malden* (T) (8224894)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (6895097)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am *Morning Glory* (677119) 9.00 Regis and Kathie Lee (61312) 10.00 Another World (13190) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (33854) 12.00 Oprah Winfrey (83374) 1.00pm Geraldo (92022) 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (98022) 3.00 Jenny Jones (39008) *4.00 Oprah Winfrey (11883) 5.00* Star Trek: The Next Generation (8567) 6.00 Live 6 Show (6887) 6.30 Married — with Children (7119) 7.00 The Simpsons (1206) 7.30 M*A*S*H (6003) 8.00 Third Rock from the Sun (4634) 8.30 The Nanny (9461) 9.00 Seinfeld (17867) 9.30 Mad About You (84003) 10.00 Chicago Hope (54886) 11.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (21119) 12.00 Late Show with Letterman (40726) 1.00am Hit Mix (8070287)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (1763175) 7.30 Superboy (5841732) 8.00 Unsolved Mysteries (8051003) 9.00 Highlander (8071867) 10.00 Tek War (8074954) 11.00 Heat of the Night (8002303) 12.00 Hit Mix (8831726)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on *the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week*

SKY MOVIES

6.00am **A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes** (1995) (92428) 8.00 **Cops and Robbersons** (1994) (80374) 10.00 **Night Train to Kathmandu** (1988) (37737954) 11.45 **The Thief Who Came to Dinner** (1973) (29560383) 1.30pm **Dad** (1989) (51288) 3.30 **A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes** (1995) (859408) 5.15 **Cops and Robbersons** (1994) (60769683) 7.00 **The Colony** (1995) (10003) 9.00 **The Quick and the Dead** (1995) (29190) 11.00 **Sirens** (1994) (66515) 12.30am **Chef** (1969) (714981) 2.05 **Raggedy Rawney** (1987) (870368) 3.45 **Before the Rain** (1994) (25452829)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am **Little Orbit the Astrodog** (8115003) 7.15 **The Seventh Victim** (1943) (6137935) 8.30 **Ramona** (1936) (43003) 10.00 **Net Worth** (1995) (61175) 12.00 **Mr North** (1988) (58157) 2.00pm **Tension at Table Rock** (1956) (36480) 4.00 **Lassie** (1994) (9698916) 4.50 **Samson and Sally** (4283157) 6.00 **Friends at Last** (1995) (45978041) 7.40 **US Top 10** (421206) 8.00 **Out There** (1995) (28461) 10.00 **Lord of Illusions** (1995) (24157) 12.00 **Shadow Dancer** (1995) (651788) 1.40am **The Great White Hope** (1970) (446504) 3.25 **Call Me** (1987) (768207) 5.00 **Gulliver's Travels** (1983) (6207469)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm **It Started in Naples** (1960) (9672936) 8.00 **Cousins** (1989) (9677480) 10.00 **New Jack City** (1991) (2539461) 11.45 **The Kiss** (1988) (3996119) 1.25am **All That Jazz** (1979) (83683368) 3.30 **No Sex Please, We're British!** (1973) (1777148)

TNT

9.00pm **Heart of Darkness** (1994) (74294225) 11.00 **Shaft in Africa** (1973) (58715770) 12.45am **Elvis, That's the Way It Is** (67844165) 2.35 **Miss Julie** (1972) (93321287)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am *Sports Centre* (50645) 7.30 Wrestling (68044) 8.30 Racing News (70935) 9.00 Sports Centre (94515) 9.30 Aerobics (76567) 10.00 *Euro Tour Weekly* (43867) 10.30 Golf: International Open — Live (93428) 12.30pm World of Super League with Eddie and Stevo (32732) 2.00 World *Windsurfing* (5864) 2.30 Futbol Mundial (3312) 3.00 Golf: International Open — Live (68041) 5.00 Wrestling (8751) 6.00 Sports Centre (4041) *6.30 Football League Review* (5393) 7.00 Trans World Sport (93799) 8.00 The Rugby Club (77409) 9.30 Full Throttle (21157) 10.00 Sports Centre (75480) 10.30 Gaelic Games (66586) 11.30 Powerboat and Jetski World (32751) 12.00 Sports Centre (56726) 12.30am Tennis: US *Open — Live* (4382707) *4.00 Sports Centre* (25691) 4.30 Close

SKY SPORTS 2

8.00pm Tight Lines (5681732) 9.00 Sports Centre (9054867) 9.30 Golf: International Open — Live (5192886) 11.30 Golf: Betty PGA *Seniors Championship* (8712751) 12.30 Full Throttle (3752813) 1.00am Close

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Trans World Sport (12449848) 1.00pm Rebel Sports (12456596) 2.00 Tennis: US Open (74272003) 4.00 Tennis: US Open — Live (12165022) 10.00 Formula Three (74283119) 11.00 Football League Review (94789248) 11.30 Close

EUROSPORT

7.30am Motors *Magazine* (97732) 8.30 Athletics: ISTAF '97 (83645) 10.00 World Track Championships — Live (1712799) 1.30pm *Mountain Biking* (90916) 2.30 Lifesaving (60436) 3.30 Faustball (5175) 4.00 Korfball (9732) 4.30 Olympic Games *Magazine* (5916) 5.00 World Track Cycling (4312) 5.30 Powerlifting (59770) 6.30 Aerobics (18395) 7.30 Football: Shelbourne v Kilmarnock (46206) 9.30 World Track Cycling (16225) 10.00 Bowling (87138) 11.00 Sailing (52954) 11.30 ATP Tour Review (34119) 12.00 Olympic Games Magazine (41894) 12.30am Close

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (2235225) 7.35 Neighbours (3636683) 8.00 Crossroads (3379916) 8.25 EastEnders (7849867) 9.00 The Bill (3993003) 9.30 Shelley (5244596) 10.00 Tellystack (1699472) 10.30 Sullivans (3922515) 11.00 Ironside (15711312) 12.05 Crossroads (85358664) 12.30pm Neighbours (5248312) 1.00 EastEnders (9463585) 1.35 No Place Like Home (1811577) 2.15 Liver Birds (5347157) 2.50 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (5015206) 3.30 The Bill (3452732) 4.00 To Be the Best (4633312) *5.00 Casualty* (19878515) 6.05 EastEnders (2833044) 6.40 Brush Strokes (5479954) 7.20 Dr Who (5788732) 7.50 George and Mildred (3750190) *8.25 Executive Stress* (4517732) 9.00 The Bill (4639596) 9.30 Chancer (33713041) 10.35 Naked Video (2886732) 11.15 *Live at Jongleurs* (8811515) 11.45 Gold Goes Pop (8405490) 12.30am It's a Knockout (3553184) 1.20 Big Deal (9893078) 2.15 Shopping

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (8510436) 7.00 Coronation St (1049438) 7.30 Families (1027935) *8.00 Surprise! Surprise!* (6354003) 9.00 Richard and Judy Exclusives (7980867) 9.30 Doctor at Sea (5861022) 10.00 Gentle *Touch* (1023119) 11.00 *Love for Lydia* (1036683) 12.00 Coronation St (7960003) 12.30pm Families (5872138) 1.00 Brass (1047799) 1.30 Classic Interiors (5871409) 2.00 Surprise! Surprise! (3777954) 3.00 Gentle Touch (1993138) 4.00 Richard and Judy Exclusive (5272683) 4.30 *Doctor at Sea* (5278867) 5.00 Maigret (7982683) 6.00 Families (5259732) 6.30 Coronation St (5273312) 7.00 Ebony Tower (51547867) *8.40 Richard and Judy Interviews* (4769041) 9.00 Coronation St (1901157) 9.30 The Comedians (5852374) 10.00 Prime Suspect (5506515) *11.00 Close*

The rabbits march on Watership Down (Disney, 7.30pm)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo's Circus (22190) 6.30 Enchanted Tales (91409) 7.30 Little Mermaid (2657139) 7.55 Timon and Pumbaa (9779003) *8.10 Goof Troop* (1485729) 9.00 Tale Spin (9170374) 9.25 Aladdin's Bazaar (6969916) 10.15 Mighty Ducks (3619461) 11.00 Boy Meets World (9274954) 11.25 Wonder Years (6138886) 11.50 Timon and Pumbaa (9050664) 12.05pm Bonkers (3212577) 12.30 *Mouse and Mole* (52218003) 12.35 Big Garage (41490393) 12.50 Sing Me a Story (1414206) 1.15 Amazing Animals (65336645) 1.40 Wonderland (71448698) 2.05 Small Stories (46103732) 2.10 Lamb Chop (15438645) 2.40 Care Bears (6300225) 3.00 Little Mermaid (6527567) 3.25 *Timon and Pumbaa* (6931916) 3.40 Tale Spin Double Turn (1430503) 4.30 Chooseday (3374) 5.00 Aladdin (7580480) 5.25 Timon and Pumbaa (1498577) 5.35 Mighty Ducks (403225) 6.00 Flash Forward (4867) 6.30 Boy Meets World (5119) 7.00 Thunder Alley (2732) 7.30 ***FILM: Watership Down*** (47190) 9.00 Sinbad (88393) 9.30 Golden Girls (54409) 10.00 Close

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Dolly (7738683) 6.30 Pinocchio (2624256) 7.00 Samurai Pizza Cats (3083645) 7.30 Hero Turtles (8005480) 8.00 *Casper* (4189521) 8.30 Power Rangers Zeo (5539062) 9.00 Masked Rider (1834454) 9.30 Beetleborgs (5964190) 10.00 Spiderman (8001664) 11.00 X Men (2965664) 11.30 Phantom 2040 (2966393) 12.00 The Tick (7454638) 12.30pm Life with Louie (5975236) *1.00 Casper* (8092916) 1.30 Eek! (5974577) 2.00 Samurai Pizza Cats (5363139) 2.30 Hero Turtles (5660867) 3.00 Casper (7314358) 3.30 Power Rangers Zeo (5865312) 4.00 Masked Rider (5651119) 4.30 Beetleborgs (5640003) 5.00 Spiderman (2113616) 6.00 X Men (5661596) 6.30 *Goosebumps* (5652848) 7.00 Close

TCC

6.00am [illegible] (36684) 6.30 Dangermouse (57683) 7.00 *Dennis the Menace* (88041) 7.30 Where's Wally? (74848) 8.00 Batman (44490) 8.30 Art Attack (92935) 9.30 Earthworm Jim (36003) 10.00 Gravedale High (48935) 10.30 Flash Gordon (29225) 11.00 Creepy Crawlers (71003) *11.30 Cadillacs and Dinosaurs* (72732) 12.00 Gravedale High (16577) 12.30pm Stunt Dawgs (47119) 1.00 Batman (87312) 1.30 *Dangermouse* (39190) 2.00 Creepy Crawlers (4190) 2.30 Flash Gordon (9312) 3.00 Sonic (3225) 3.30 Earthworm Jim (1157) *4.00 Dennis the Menace* (6044) 4.30 Art Attack (6848) 5.00 Close

CARTOON NETWORK

Non-stop cartoons from 5.00am to 9.00pm. Includes Tom and Jerry, Popeye *and The Flintstones*

NICKELODEON

6.00am Dr Seuss (98480) 6.30 Wilf Quack Quack etc (50157) 7.00 Babar (81515) 7.30 Tales from the Cryptkeeper (60022) 8.00 Jumanji (79306) 8.30 Hey Arnold! (78577) 9.00 Rugrats (92157) 9.30 Rugrats (76549) 10.00 Doug (41409) 10.30 Aaahh! Real Monsters (81041) *11.00 Rocko* (40119) 11.30 Ren and Stimpy (41848) 12.00 Pete and Pete (72393) 12.30pm Clarissa (76585) *1.00 Alex Mack* (80886) 1.30 Round the Twist (26026) 2.00 Bailey Kipper (3206) 2.30 Littlest Pet Shop (1954) 3.00 Snoopin' Around (5041) 3.30 Bruno the Kid (3799) 4.00 Hey Arnold! (2206) 4.30 Rugrats (1190) 5.00 Sister Sister (7886) 5.30 Sister Sister (5770) 6.00 Moesha (2683) 6.30 Are You Afraid of the Dark? (3935) 7.00 Close

TROUBLE

12.00 Byker Grove (3908935) 12.30pm Ready or Not (5233480) 1.00 Madison (1009867) 1.30 Sweet Valley High (5232751) *2.00 Swan's Crossing* (0900567) 2.30 No Naked Flames (3475683) 3.00 Byker Grove (1730792) 3.30 Hangtime (3487428) 4.00 California Dreams (3466935) 4.30 Saved by the Bell (3462119) 5.00 Sweet Valley High (1800747) 5.30 Ready or Not (3486799) 6.00 Hangtime (3476312) 6.30 Madison (3467664) 7.00 Saved by the Bell (5200503) 7.30 California Dreams (3463849) 8.00 Close

BRAVO

8.00pm Twilight Zone (9905111) 8.30 Twilight Zone (9752468) 9.00 LA Heat (9615428) 10.00 *Tour of Duty* (9618515) 11.00 **FILM: Gas-s-s-s** (8120460) 1.00am LA Heat (1127691) 2.00 Tour of Duty (7408097) 3.00 **FILM: *Blood Money*** (5898252) 5.00 Twilight Zone (6559184) 5.30 Twilight Zone (3434436)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Roseanne (7022) 7.30 Family Ties (9119) 8.00 E UK (6770) 8.30 Wings (2577) 9.00 Cheers (53683) 9.30 Taxi (29799) 10.00 Roseanne (73022) 10.30 Garry Shandling (83770) 11.00 Armstrong and Miller (65428) 11.30 Vacant Lot (30329) 12.00 Soap (54368) 12.30am Laverne and Shirley (16169) 1.00 Cheers (64417) 1.30 Taxi (62374) 2.00 E UK (32981) 2.30 Armstrong and Miller (28788) 3.00 Roseanne (77981) 3.30 *Wings* (42369) 4.00 Close

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

6.00pm Guide to the Galaxy (5661732) 9.00 **FILM: Space Adventure Cobra** (5671119) 11.00 The Web (9067022) 12.00 *The New Edge* (3838875) 12.30am C/Net Central (2752813) 1.00 The Twilight Zone (5153455) 1.30 One Step Beyond (8611078) 2.00 *Friday the 13th* (8470610) 3.00 Dark Shadows (1174417) 4.00 Close

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am *Simply Painting* (2991645) 9.30 The Garden Show (5242138) 10.00 Garden Club (3489454) 10.30 Antiques Trail (3320157) 11.00 Homemaker (4617274) 11.30 Graham Kerr (4618003) 12.00 Julia Child (2911409) 12.30pm Hometime (5246954) 1.00 This Old House (1005041) 1.30 New Yankee Workshop (5245225) 2.00 The House (3400521) 2.30 Home Again (3488157) 3.00 Home Again (3718026) 3.30 Home Again (3450374) 4.00 Close

DISCOVERY

4.00pm *Revolution in Paris* (3479409) 4.30 Ambulance (3468353) 5.00 Next Step (9706913) 5.30 Jurassica (3459645) 6.00 *The Big Animal Show* (3489886) 6.30 Lords of the Animals (3470138) 7.00 Beyond 2000 (5305157) 7.30 The Dead Sea Scrolls (3469022) 8.00 Science Frontiers (9608138) 9.00 Fightline (4637138) 9.30 War (5226190) 10.00 New Detectives (9681461) 11.00 The Professionals (1082190) 12.00 The Specialists II (3439981) 12.30am Ambulance! (9777097) 1.00 The Dead Sea Scrolls (1865981) 1.30 *Next Step* (8017962) 2.00 Close

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Road to Infamy (9058683) 5.00 The *Changing Face of Britain* (4040664) 6.00 Ancient Mysteries (7321157) 7.00 Biography: Pretty Boy Floyd (5685312) 8.00 Close

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Everton deny deal is imminent

Exit slammed shut in face of Ravanelli

By Russell Kempson

FABRIZIO RAVANELLI'S efforts to leave Middlesbrough, which have degenerated into one of the most protracted sagas this year, appeared to have foundered again yesterday. Everton were reported to have resurrected negotiations, which had taken on a new slant as a player-exchange deal, but the clubs denied any knowledge of the discussions.

Everton were believed to have offered Earl Barrett, the defender, and Graham Stuart, the forward, plus £3 million in an attempt to persuade Middlesbrough to reduce their asking price of £7.5 million for Ravanelli, the disenchanted Italy striker. However, Middlesbrough were quick to pour scorn on the suggestion.

"We have had no recent contact with Everton whatsoever," Viv Anderson, the Middlesbrough assistant manager, said. "Our situation has not changed. The asking price is £7.5 million and we want cash. We are not interested in the players named in reports. Their valuations are above our valuations."

Ravanelli and his many advisers spoke extensively with Peter Johnson, the Everton chairman, and Howard Kendall, the manager, during the summer. He was disillusioned by Middlesbrough's relegation to the Nationwide League first division and felt that it would affect his chances of playing for Italy.

The talks broke down because of Ravanelli's demands. Although he earns £42,000 a week at the Riverside Stadium and is the highest-paid player in England, he wanted a wage rise of £8,000 a week and a seven-figure signing-on fee. Despite Kendall's need for a goalscoring forward, he balked at the terms and ended the discussions.

With other clubs also losing interest, Ravanelli was forced to return to Middlesbrough, for whom he scored 31 goals last season, and resume his contract. He has scored once in two matches this season, but has been the target of abuse from some sections of supporters, who feel betrayed by his apparent lack of loyalty to the club. Their mood was not helped by the 1-0 home defeat against Stoke City on Saturday.

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Ironically, Ravanelli has now re-entered the thoughts of Cesare Maldini, the Italy coach. On Tuesday he was called into the Italy squad for the World Cup group two qualifying match against Georgia in Tbilisi on September 10, the result of which could affect England's chances of reaching the finals in France next year.

Kendall spent the weekend in Holland, where he watched a player. "I had the opportunity to go over to check out a recommendation," he said yesterday. "Unfortunately, it is one we can now scrub off our list."

However, he has not made any moves to pursue Ravanelli again. "Boro lost at the weekend, so I suppose people will look at that and say that they might be more keen to sell now," Kendall said. "You don't change your opinion on a world-class player, which is what Ravanelli is, but we have had no contact with them. There are many other things to consider before I would even think about reopening talks."

Tomas Brolin, the unsettled Leeds United striker, may have more success in leaving Elland Road. Brolin, who joined the club from Parma, of Italy, for £4.3 million in November 1995, is hoping to sign for Real Zaragoza, of Spain. "We are 99 per cent certain of agreeing a deal with Zaragoza," Mats Olsson, Brolin's adviser, said yesterday.

Brolin briefly returned to Leeds in July, after loan spells with FC Zurich and Parma last season, but George Graham, the manager, swiftly made it clear that he was surplus to requirements. He was not even included in the pre-season team photocall.

Hopes of an early return from injury for Alan Shearer were dashed yesterday after an about-turn by Sir John Hall, the Newcastle United chairman. Sir John had said that the England and Newcastle striker could be recovered from ankle ligament damage by November, but he revised his estimate after speaking to the club doctor in Zagreb before Newcastle's European Cup second qualifying round tie. "He has informed me that it is far too early to give any indication as to when Alan will be back," Sir John said.

Shearer: hope unfounded

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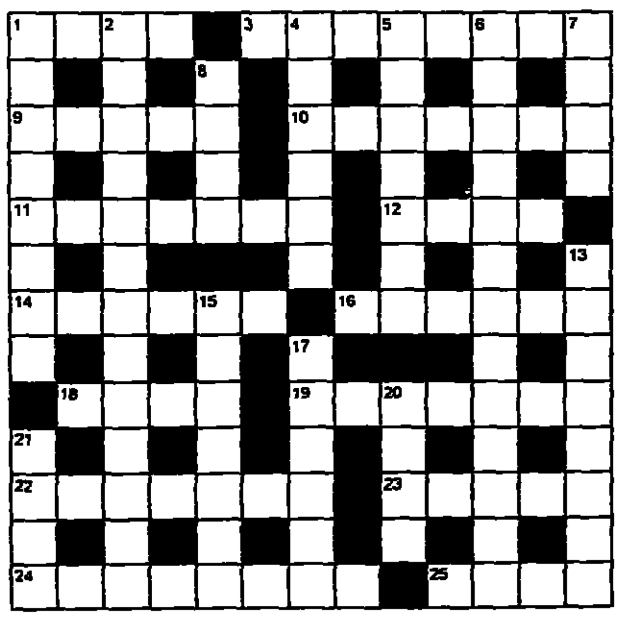

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1 A tool: one's preference (4)
3 Weakness, bent (8)
9 Minor: narrow-minded (5)
10 Ratify: verify (7)
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12 Hinged lid; minor panic (4)
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16 Go on journey (6)
18 Tie up: one like Othello (4)
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22 Dropping of vowel (7)
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1 Supporter of the ordinary man (8)
2 Deflate (one's) pretensions (3,4,2,4)
4 Cut out; a tax (6)
5 Tree as spruce, larch (7)
6 A considered criticism (13)
7 Heavy volume (4)
8 Edward —, Earl of Clarendon; a London park (4)
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Normal service is resumed with Agassi in action against Campbell during his three sets to one win in the first round at Flushing Meadows

Agassi's charm offensive in full flow

From David Powell
in New York

WHEN Andre Agassi was preparing to tie the matrimonial knot with Brooke Shields last April, something else was working loose — his grip on his place among the world's tennis elite. He began the year ranked No 12, but, by mid-August, he had slipped to his lowest position in a decade, No 74.

Given the alarming decline of the game's most charismatic player, he was in need of a friend and the US Open here has usually been that to him. It is the grand slam tournament that has provided him with his most consistent success: he has won it once, finished runner-up twice and reached the semi-finals on three other occasions.

Having lost his opening match in seven of his 11 tournaments this year, Agassi's progress here seemed far from certain, even though his first-round opponent was a little-known wild-card entrant, Steve Campbell, ranked No 130 but eager to impress in the city of his birth. If the vultures were gathering, there seemed good reason.

Tony Trabert, twice champion in the 1950s, had pronounced Agassi's form dead. "He does not have anything now," Trabert said. "He does not have his fitness, does not have his foot speed, does not have his confidence." This was not the Agassi we saw here at Flushing Meadows on Tuesday night. Though he began the match with a double-fault, he ousted Campbell 6-1, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

Phillip Agassi, the player's manager and brother, had denied that marriage had come at the price of his tennis. The man himself had said, after a minor renaissance in Indianapolis two weeks ago, where he survived three rounds: "My relationship with Brooke is nothing but good."

His relationship with sections of the 21,000 spectators in the Arthur Ashe stadium needed working on. He was introduced to loud applause, with an undercurrent of jeers, some objecting to his failure the night before to appear in the stadium's opening ceremony.

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However, in a good-humoured match, Agassi played the funny man. Campbell was a set and 2-0 down, having lost six successive games, when he played a blistering forehand out of Agassi's reach. The former champion stood left hand on left hip, striking an indignant pose of the kind which one might expect of his wife on screen, then threw his racket to the ground in mock anger.

On another occasion, when Agassi found himself face to face with Campbell across the net, he waved his racket as though he was fencing. He had the crowd in the palm of his hand and Campbell at the end of his sword.

Agassi, who won the tournament when unseeded in 1994, moved his opponent around the court, stretching him out for wide for the service returns. "I am very pleased with my game," he said. "I am moving well. The fundamentals of everything I need to improve on are there. Now it is a matter of fine-tuning. When I got out there, I remembered the dance."

In the second game of the second set, Agassi, playing in his first grand-slam tournament of the year, displayed power and dexterity in successive points, the first a venomous backhand down the line, the second a deft touch over the net.

Agassi is now ranked No 63 and is without a title win this year. Still, though, he has his 727 jet and a reported ten-year $100 million (£64 million) contract with Nike. Next he will play Adrian Voinea, from Romania, but then he is scheduled to face his first severe test, against Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the No 3 seed, from Russia.

Having been expected at the opening ceremony, Agassi was asked explain why he did not show. He was said to be upset that his name was not read out during the roll-call of champions at the dinner. Agassi denied this, saying he needed to "make a call". Asked to elaborate, he refused. Unyielding off court and on.

Russians' advance blocked

By Our Sports Staff

KOSICE, of Slovakia, earned a place in the European Cup Champions' League yesterday when they fought out a goalless draw with Spartak Moscow in the second leg of their qualifying round match in Russia. Spartak failed to convert 90 minutes of relentless pressure into a goal, leaving Kosice to go through 2-1 on aggregate.

The Russian team's attack, spearheaded by Dmitry Alenichev and Robson, the Brazilian, repeatedly lost their way amid the packed Slovak defence. The fast-breaking Ruslan Lubarski kept Spartak on their toes but it was essentially one-way traffic.

Ladislav Molnar, in the Kosice goal, was rarely stretched, though only the woodwork saved him during a desperate Spartak onslaught five minutes from time.

In Ukraine, Dynamo Kiev lost 1-0 to Brondby but went through 4-3 on aggregate, courtesy of a 4-2 victory in Denmark in the first leg. The visitors scored in the nineteenth minute, when a Kiev defender, trying to head the ball out of danger after a corner, looped it into the net with an overhead kick.

Kiev missed two good opportunities to equalise, but Brondby also failed to capitalize on a promising attack near the end of the first half and entered the second period needing two goals to win on aggregate. However, Kiev allowed the visitors few chances, holding on dourly for a narrow aggregate win before 12,000 soggy, rainswept supporters.

Dynamo Tbilisi restored Georgian honour with a 1-0 home win over Bayer Leverkusen, but still went out 6-2 on aggregate, having been overwhelmed 6-1 in the first leg in Germany.

David Mudzhiri scored the goal against last season's Bundesliga runners-up, hitting a free kick from 20 yards in the eleventh minute that found the Bayer Leverkusen defensive wall lacking.

The Georgians battled hard for a second goal to restore further pride and Mudzhiri, the game's outstanding player, hit the woodwork shortly after the break. But it was not to be. Emerson, Bayer Leverkusen's new signing, missed a good opportunity to equalise.

Oldham suffers on two fronts

Christopher Irvine on how fans in the town are bearing up after a terrible day

The morning after the night before and the pain, if anything, was worse. In a sackcloth and ashes edition, the headline in the *Oldham Chronicle* said "It's doom and gloom". Oldham Bears rugby league and Oldham Athletic football clubs have a habit of sharing the few good times and the longer bad ones, of which so-called "black Tuesday" is merely the latest.

The affinity between Paris and Grimsby is not instantly apparent, but it was in these two places that the Bears were relegated from the Stones Super League by Paris Saint-Germain and Athletic were dumped from the Coca-Cola Cup in a 5-0 defeat at the hands of Grimsby Town, within minutes of one another.

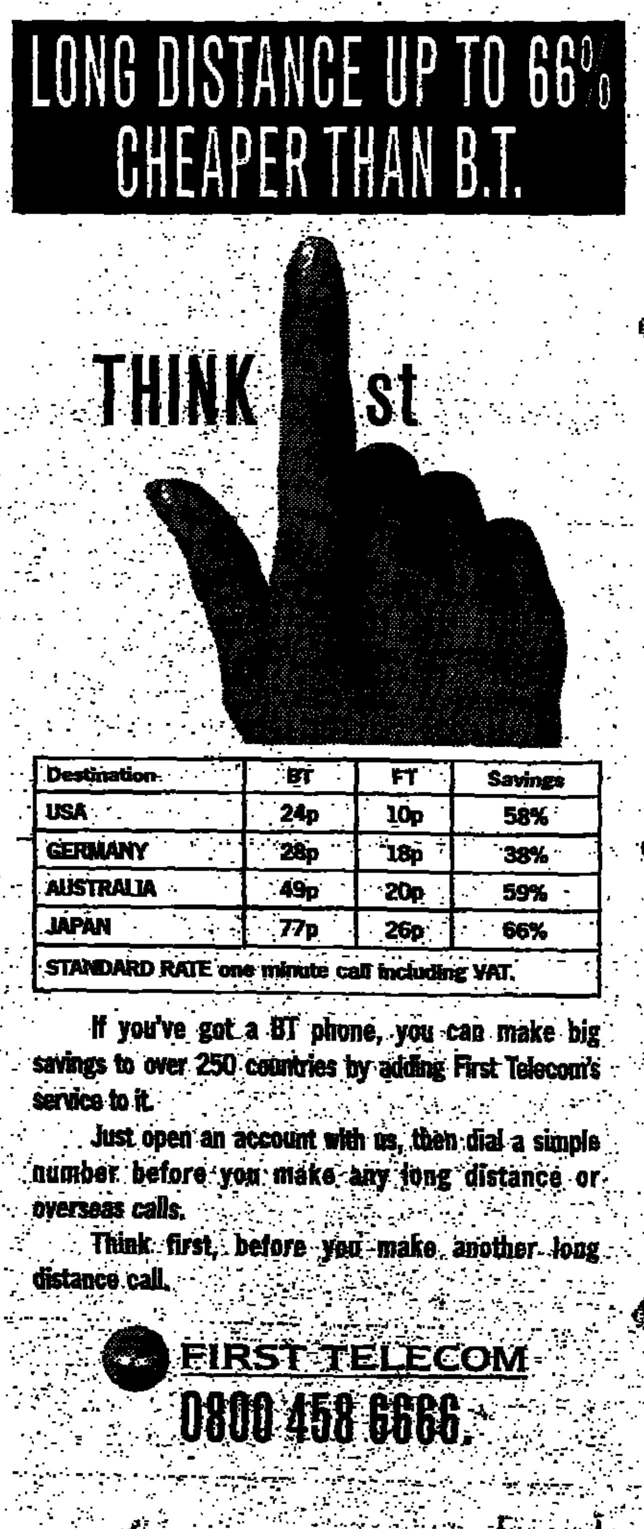
As the two clubs share Boundary Park, the solemn faces there yesterday were grimmer than usual. Around the corner, at the Carters Arms, Martin Butterworth, 33, a supporter of both clubs, said: "I followed the games on Ceefax. Minute-by-minute, it got worse. 3-0, 4-0, 5-0; 12-0, 18-0, 22-0. You learn to tolerate the humiliation after a while, but especially with the Bears going down I can't think of a more depressing night."

The surrender of both teams with barely a whimper, together with doubts surrounding the future of the Bears, plunged the town into an even worse fit of depression. Tony Bugby, the *Chronicle's* football writer, said: "The sense of despondency is exaggerated because it's hard to imagine right now how either club can pull themselves up."

Fleeting success has, too, been enjoyed together. In 1990, the year Athletic lost to Nottingham Forest in their only Wembley final appearance, in the League Cup, both clubs lost in the penultimate stage of the respective FA Cup and Challenge Cup competitions. The town missed out on two of three possible Wembley visits that year, but after seven consecutive defeats in semi-finals, Bears' fans are used to Wembley remaining a pipe dream.

Both clubs enjoyed their best years in the early part of the century. With Athletic slipping back two divisions in three seasons after relegation from the FA Carling Premiership in 1994 and the Bears facing up to life next year in the first division, the sharing, at least in terms of Boundary Park, is poised to end. The club has struggled to meet rental costs of £7,000 per match this year and a move to their training headquarters, at the more modest Oldham rugby union club, seems a logical move, if the club is to survive.

For the 200 Bears supporters in the French capital, there was only one way to handle relegation from the Super League. Their hangover persists. Not that an eyelid was batted in Paris or Grimsby about a far away town in sporting torment.



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